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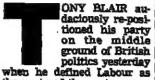
Labour leader stakes claim for centre ground

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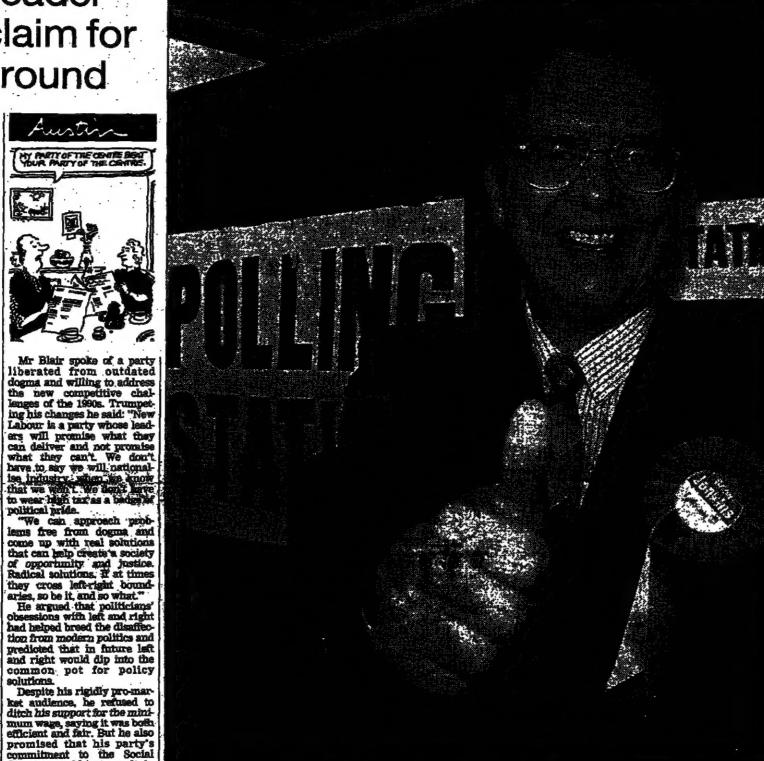


the party of the centre, com-mitted to low tax, entrepre-neurship and equity.

In a move designed to push John Major to the right of British politics and to enrage his own far left, Mr Blair deployed a set-piece speech to 600 businessmen in New York to assert that the centre was now the fertile ground for political ideas.

Speaking as Labour was heading for a resounding victory in the Staffordshire South-East byelection, he said: "New Labour will be a government of the radical government of the radical centre offering a real and dynamic change but doing it from an explicitly centre-ground position, taking people with us and recognis-ing that unless we combine change with equity, change will not come." will not come Labour's win last night will

slash John Major's majority to a humiliating one. The



Live animal export rules 'ignored by ministry'

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Paul Brown and Richard Norton-Taylor

organisation which seeks to end the live export trade. She discovered that under EU regulations, markets which collected or sold ani-ULES imposed by the European Union to prevent the spread of BSE and other animal mals for export should have a licence. The rules also said Lists and other animal diseases to the continent have been routinely ignored by ex-porters with the knowledge of the Ministry of Agriculture. Thousands of live calves and millions of sheep have been exported illegally every year without the necessary disinfraction procedures and that every consignment should have a health certificate from a vet before leaving the farm. Each group of animals sold for export should be offered separately and the auction ring or pen disinfected be-

disinfection procedures and veterinary checks which the EU believed were being carried out. Government lawyers and

officials have warned ministers repeatedly about the per-sistent breaches of British and EU rules covering the export of live animals, accord-ing to industry and Whitehall sources.

Ministers were about to take steps against the trade before they were distracted by the eruption of the latest BSE row, the sources say. The fraud unit of the EU

agriculture directorate has begun an investigation and is demanding an explanation demanding an explanation from the Ministry of the export of sheep but the Agriculture. Ministers have been told to

meeting with MAFF.

illegal behaviour.

It is understood they have enough svidence to prosecute the vast majority of live ani-

mal exporters in the country

but have hesitated to do so

because MAFF condoned the

brace themselves for another

were illegal.

strict controls are the same. They too have been ignored. Ms Lewis said: "The minis

mal Information Network, an

Only four of the 100 or more

markets involved in the

export trade had licences and none, apart from the four, appeared to adhere to the

Angela Browning, a junior

agriculture minister, ac-

knowledged in a Commons

written reply on March 21 that 1,800 consignments of

calves between 15 and 42 days old had been exported in 1985 using cartificates which min-

isters have now been told

In the same year more than

one million sheep were exported by similar methods.

Mr Blair spoke of a liberated from outdated dogma and willing to address the new competitive chalthe new competitive chal-lenges of the 1990s. Trumpet-ing his changes he said: "New Labour is a party whose lead-ers will promise what they can deliver and not promise what they can't. We don't have to say we will national-ise industry. when we anow that we won't. We don't more the we won't. We don't more to wear high tax as a b political pride.

"We can approach lems free from



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byelection. in a traditionally Conservative Middle England constituency, was the first serious test faced by the Govermment since the dust settled on the Tory leadership contest last summer.

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In his speech, Mr Blair denounced his critics as fatuous and absurd, telling his business audience that the party's changes were real and perma-nent. He asserted that many of the old distinctions between left and right were solutions. now redundant.

"I believe the centre can be a fertile ground for radical politics," he said. "The extremes of left and right simcommitment to the Social Chapter would not result in the imposition of a Germanchallenges. A modern party, to be successful in the mod-ern world, must be in the cantre speaking for the main-Britain

The speaking for the man-stream majority." He rejected those on the left who had seen high tax as a virility symbol. Despite sug-gestions that he will make tax much for the middle close his cuts for the middle class his first concern, he said his pri-ority should be to lower taxes at the bottom end and reduce the appallingly high marginal rates of tax paid by millions. But he also promised he would not punish those on would not putted incomes paying the top income tax rate, like schoolteachers, middle man-agers and police officers.

style social security system in | Labour candidate Brian Jenkins displaying a winner's confidence in Tamworth yesterday

Overall, his aim was to lift burdens on business, espe-cially small business. New Labour needed no persuasion equip and educate the Blair described Mr Major's nation's labour force, so maknation's labour force, so mak-ing them flexible enough to the British were fed up with of the need to encourage antrepreneurs, innovators and wealth creators. Offering ing mem nextore enough to respond to the market. Mr. Blair's aldes described the attempt by John Major to attack Mr. Blair's visit as a huge error which only drew a meritocracy rather than egailtarianism, he said: "I want a system where people can become wealthy through hard work and merit, not rely attention to the way in which the Government had deon inheritance or a better class of accountants."

markets and the intensifica-tion of competition made it of higher taxes go together like December of the Conservative paramount importance to strawberries and cream." Mr whip, Sir David Lightbown, had been described as the most important of this Parliament From the start, it was a two-horse race between the the Conservatives' own diet of higher taxes.

Ingrer taxes. Mir Blair meets President Clinton today in what his aides regard as so far a highly successful visit. Labour candidate, Brian Jen-kins, and the Conservative candidate, Jimmy James. Labour fought its campaign largely on family finances and the 22 new Tory taxes byelection to overturn the that have been introduced

on innermance or a perior the government had de-class of accountants." is conded into opposition. In the strongest underlying in the strongest underlying theme of his three-day visit, he argued that new global was not stealing his thunder 7,192. The contest, which was alection.

The Conservatives were ini-tially confident that its sup-porters would vote on the strength of the Government's track record. But they feared that a visit by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, to Tamworth last week may have fuelled false expections of a victory, and have since been privately bracing themselves for defeat, even claiming that a 5,000 Labour majority would be tolerable

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PHOTOGRAPH DAN CHUNG

Peter Preston, Bel Littleichn

Defensive wall blocks way to Euro conference for Vinnie Jones, sporting ambassador

Britain

vareer as a self-ap-pointed ambassador of sporting tolerance and fair "When we got here, they sporting tolerance and fair play got off to a bad start yesterday when he was refused admission to a times in his football career when the Wimbledon foot-

sport Erica Terpsira fielded a junior spokesman to ex-plain the error, perhaps aware of Jones's quip that "If you sort their top genzer out early on you win". Jones won anyway, with-out resort to the commitment that once saw him

having been invited. "It ; the conference," said the ; when he finishes in footseems to me they have got frightened and changed things at the last minute," sald Jones. "But why didn't invite by mistake." when he fullshes in floot-ball. He has since helped in a Health Education Author-ity campaign against testic-ular cancer and has been invited to address the Oxford Union and Eton pupils in the past year. Jones says he is a changed character since

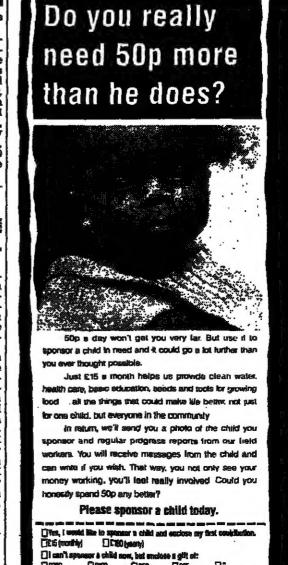
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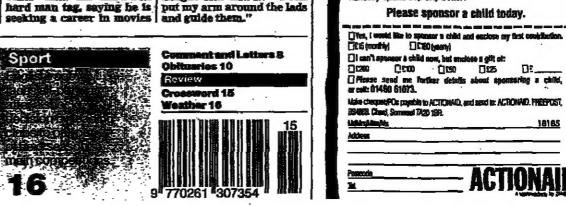
because current e **TTY** port certificates are illegal. Members of the National Animal Health and Welfare

could do nothing about the live export trade because it was legal under EC law. It now appears that it was not, Panel — which represents local authorities and has the and the ministry knew this power to prosecute offenders — have demanded an urgent and condoned it."

Graham Venn, chairman of the Local Authority Animal Health and Welfare Officers, issued a statement saying the allegations of illegality were true. His organisation was seeking an immediate meet-ing with MAFF. The ministry said last night

Disclosures about the trade it considered the issue of the certificates 'to be a narrow in potentially infected animals sprang from the animals sprang from the legal point. It has been raised research of Penny Lewis, who by the European Commission works for the Protestors Ani-and we are discussing it."





Vinny Jones: mistaken identity?

Hark Fuller in Amsterdam VINNIE JONES'S new

> Council of Europe confer-ence on sport and the orga-nisers tried to throw him out of his hotel. . The faces of confer organisers were as red as the card Jones has seen 11

even tried to move us to an-other hotel," said his ad-viser, Steve Davies. The Dutch minister of

Sport

Invite by mistake." Instead, Jones was to be let loose on a television pro-gramme last night with top sportsmen Michael Schu-macher, Damon Hill and Bric Cantoma, an event he decided to prepare for with a long lunch in Amsterdam bent's achilles tendon in decided to prepare for with a long lunch in Amsterdam town centre away from "the stuffy atmosphere" of yesterday's conference. "I don't know what I'm going to say yet," said Jones. "T'm always spontaneous." Jones has recently been kasn to murine an increase an cartiel always from the social social definition of how to take an oppo-nent's achilles tendon in the video Soccar's Hard Men, landed him with a \$20,000 fine from the Foot-ball Association. "When I atarted playing I was only 20," said Jones. "Now I am older and more educated. I

baller arrived at the confer-PHOTOGRAFIE DAVID HANDEN there was no record of him Chelsea. "He can sit in ou Worldnews City

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Sketch

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The Indian vote trick



Suzanne Goldenberg

OTHING tests the skills of an Indian politician so much as an election. But the art lies not in such mundane concerns as election railies: in a country with 590 million eligible voters and limited entertainment opportunities, anyone can get the

crowds out It is what goes on behind the scenes that counts, skills that owe less to the recognised rules of parliamentary democ-racy than an ability to dole out favours. Matang Sinh, junior parlia-

entary affairs minister in the outgoing Congress (I) gov-ernment has pledged to up-hold the usual traditions --the senior minister sadly having been forced to sit out this election after being charged with corruption.

"Madame, you just watch me now. This is how you rule a country," said Mr Sinh. Even in Assam, a state so small and remote, most Indi-

ans find it more convenient to ignore it, there was work to be done. With a posse of commandos guarding the door of his hotel suite, backed by large numbers of police, there was no doubting Mr Sinh's importance. He was campaign-ing furiously, barking orders into the green telephone that was welded to his ear.

The timing was crucial. It was the last day for candidates to withdraw from the elections, which will be spread across several days late this month and early next. Mr Sinh was desperate to maximise the chances for the Congress in what is expected to be a hard-fought campaign, by getting his candidates' opponents to step down.

"Tell them to withdraw, and leave the party, and announce it to the press," he screamed down the phone line. "Tell them, it's me ordering them to withdraw." And then he bel-lowed to the room at large: 'Bring tea.'

First night

He adjusted his lustrous caftan before resuming the lotus position on the sola. While he vaited for the next caller, he turned his gaze to the gyra-tions of the Hindi-language movie on the television set. "That's one more out," he laughed. Mr Sinh was enormously impressed by his own craftiness. An ethnic Bihari who parlayed his connections to coal suppliers into a career as the Rajya Sabha (upper house) member for Assam, he

boasted that he enjoys the full confidence of the prime miniser. P. V. Narasimha Rao. And well be should. In just one afternoon, through a series of ferocious telephone calls, he persuaded opposition

candidates in 12 or 13 constitu-encies to withdraw in favour of the Congres It was half-an-hour past the deadline for withdrawals, but Mr Sinh didn't give up. A change of tone, and he was on the phone to the chief minister, the police chief, and the top government officials in the state, informing them of the drop-outs still to come.

Normally, he said, he can-not abide the chief minister of Assam. But the need to win took precedence, and so they did a deal. Mr Sinh said he chose half the Congress candi-dates in the state, selecting

them for their personal loy-alty. "All my people have been taken care of." He said he had been privy to other Congress calculations: reeling off the number of seat the party will drop or gain in 26 states. The figures, he said, had been supplied by "outside and internal agencies". Mr Sinh grinned: it's clear he means that India's intelligence agencies have been use to assess the party's electoral

against a bank

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

sents a "small group of Barclays Bank victims".

From the type of bombs and

the vocabulary of his letters,

it appears he has served at some time in one of the armed

Yesterday Scotland Yard confirmed that the investiga-tion into the identity of the

man who uses the code names of Mardi Gras or Mardine

prosp As the afternoon ticked on, more callers arrived: the candidates who have been persuaded to step down for Mr Sinh's men. They set down a packet of *paan*, the betel nut which has stained Mr Sinh's teeth blood-red after years of chewing. They stooped to touch his feet in a sign of respect, and then stepped back, awaiting their reward.

Mr Sinh fluttered the fingers of his right hand in their general direction: dismissed. 'I will accommodate them in the long run," he said after they left, chastened. "They can join the party."



One of the bombs, delivered to Barclays' branch in Ladbroke Grove, west London in December 1994 and, below, the 'Reservoir Dogs' logo and message which appear on the devices **Barclays bomber 'may be acting alone'**

Graham had been approach-ing what they believed was a crucial point this week as the Extortionist could be ex-military man bomber issued a one-week ultimatum. Police had hoped to claiming to act for naintain secrecy while negogroup with a grudge tlations continued.

But the union which repreents more than two thirds of sents more than two initis of Barclays Bank staff yesterday attacked the "completely irra-tional secrety". Paul Show-ball, general secretary of Un-ifi, said: "Staff were endangered every day for 16 months, and no one knew a thing about it. It's a miracle more needle weren't injured." HE extortionist who has sent 25 explosive devices with demands more people weren't injured." for money from Bar-clays Bank may be an ex-mili-One employee was slightly injured by a device, and antary man who is pretending to other suffered temporary leafness. Many devices failed

represent a group with a grudge against the bank. to explode. Fresh details of his methods Last night Barclays said it emerged yesterday as bank employees' unions com-plained at the secrecy surhad warned all staff about the devices in December 1994. when the campaign started. A further warning went out rounding his 16-month camvesterday.

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The first six bombs were

sent by post in Decamber, 1994. The packages carried a distinctive Reservoir Dogs logo with the words "Wel-come to the Mardi Gras Expe-rience". This phrase, with the

word Gras sometimes spelled

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paign, saying staff were put at unnecessary risk. Anti-terrorist branch deteo Police sources say the man tives are still bemused as to the motives and identity of the bomber. One theory is who has sent 25 homemade bombs to various buildings connected with Barclays apthat he blames Barclays for pears to be acting alone, de-spite his claims that he reprethe failure of a business or is

by Barclays.



Barclays, on the advice of | and access to a constant sup the police, did not concede to his demands for large sums of money. He told the bank to ply of explosive material. "We are amazed that a bank or company appears to be able not to care who gets in-jured and get the police to keep quiet about it. communicate through the columns of the Daily Tele-graph, but failed to make con-

tact when police responded The enclosed stat is of our latest device. Essentially it is an 18in double-barrelied 13anonymously with small Last week the bomber, bore shotgun with a ... bolt

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lier devices were designed as frighteners to demonstrate political will, ability to strike appear in the Mail."

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customers going to or from a bank, cashpoint and or fol-lowed home for residential

The letter included a "veri-

fication number" and

"The targets will be Barclay

London before being released by the Metropolitan Police on April 3. Scotland Yard had Blackouts imposed to help negotiations requested a blackout until the completion of the operation. but can raise media One of the longest silences was during the investigation into the extortionist Rodney

fears of abuse by Witchelo, a former Metropoli-tan Police officer who had de publicity-shy police cided he could commit the perfect crime by threatening

FOR more than 16 months the police managed to keep the secret of the Barclays Bank extortionist. They felt to contaminate pet foods and baby foods. He succeeded at first, persuading his targets to pay £30,000 into a bogus acnegotiations would be easier without publicity, which can count, and drawing money also provoke copycat threats, writes Duncan Campbell. from cashpoints. But he be came cocky and lazy, and was caught trying to take money from a machine.

been assigned to the offices.

and it was feared attempts to

Reporters expressed dis-

Details of the story first emerged last year, but police asked newspapers not to pub-lish. Last week, when the Daily Mail was contacted by The police feared publicity would alert what they believed to be a gang. Once the story was revealed, it led to the extortionist with an ulti-matum, police believed he copycat blackmail attempts was becoming desperate. During the beight of the Scotland Yard urged news-papers to maintain a tempo-rary blackout. That ended IRA's bombing campaign, a media blackout was requested by the Association of Chief Police Officers con-

yesterday. There was no official media cerning what were believed to blackout, which is only be IRA attempts to attack Terrequested when there is a ritorial Army offices in Eng-specified threat to life. These land. Undercover officers had

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Wholesome but untouchable

Lyn Gardner

Definitely Dorls The King's Head, Islington

EFINITELY one for the Dfans only. Leo Carusone and Patty Carver's tribute to Doris Kappelhoff, better known as Doris Day. is as cute and wholesome as the lady's little snub nose.

Definitely Doris does for trews what the Rocky Horror Show did for fishnet tights. Its success depends entirely on how many reprises of Que Sera, Sera you can take. Quite a lot, judging by the first night "I knew her before she was

a virgin," quipped Oscar Le-vant. He probably wasn't joking. It's as a virgin that Day, screen star turned animal lover, is immortalised here. She is an untouchable Snow White who once a week smoth ered hersolf in a barrier of Vaseline, but who none the less remained the object of innocent adoration by fans whose sad little tales of unrequited love provide links between the songs in this revue-

style show. There is the wardrobe assistant who is asked briefly to stand in for the stand-in on the set of Day's first screen hit, Romance on the High Seas. "The most incredible experience of my entire life. Because for one brief moment I became Doris Day, " she enthuses. Then there is Randy Right. who thinks he must be Mr Right for Doris. "I've gone from firecracker to time bomb. It was meant to be." Doris is even a one-woman

dating agency. bringing together her fans simply be-

Tim Radford

Science Editor

Scientists trace gene that

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her. Presumably these mar-riages will be made in heaven just like the screen unions be-

tween Day herself and Rock Hudson in the sixtles comedies such as Pillow Talk, that kept both their stars alight. There may be a surprising degree of self-conscious, post-modernist irony in this show, but it doesn't extend to Day's failed marriages. which are glossed over in a sentence or two, her retreat into animal welfare, or Hudson's death from Aids which is implied but never made explicit. In fact the authors have

cause of their shared love for

At least 18 dead been so determined to presen a sanitised, positive, upbeat and 150 hurt as picture of their idol that she all but disappears, reduced to smoke engulfs a good set of teeth, 30-odd easy listening tunes, and a few words of wisdom to rival arrivals terminal

Chairman Mao. "I believe dogs are on earth to teach us lan Traynor in Stuttgart about love." The trouble, of course, is T LEAST 18 people were killed and scores more injured in a fire at that the songs that made Day famous are not her own, and that what she brought to then

Dusseldorf airport in northwas the resolute perkiness of ern Germany yesterday. Most of them apparently died after smoke and fumes from a shop fire overwhelmed the air a survivor rather than the pain of someone like, say, Judy Garland. When Doris sings Tll Never Stop Loving You, or Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered, you know conditioning system and engulfed the entire airport that she'll get over it. erminal. Police said six of the vic-

It's difficult to celebrate such a personality without being anodyne, and Larry Pel-legrini's high-gloss, intimate production, lovingly sung by the cast of five, never scratches the surface of the real Doris Kappelhoff. Day is condemned to be the girl next door for ever.

Definitely Dorts runs until May 26

Air conditioning fans German airport blaze as death toll rises

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advertisements.

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using the name Mardine Gra-

ham, appeared to lose pa-tience and wrote to the Daily

The letter stated: "Mardi

Gra is the codename of a

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victims who are in the process of reversing the tide of fortune into their favour after

a year of activity. ... Our ear-lier devices were designed as

40 miles Lufthansa, for both domestic and international flights.

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further. Police were unable to

provide details of identity or nationality of the dead.

The smoke was so thick in the terminal that firefighters

and police were unable to recover some victims.

A police spokesman said: "Rescue workers found some of the bodies in a lift in the

arrivals section. We are not ruling out further deaths."

BELGIUM

Panic broke out in the arrivals hall when the fire broke out at about 4.25pm. Officials evacuated the terminal and closed the airport, which was not expected to television. reopen until Friday.

- capital of North-Rhine Westfalla, the biggest of Ger-many's 16 federal states --were turned away and There were no indications that the fire had been started deliberately. Repairs were being carried out at the florist's and speculation last night centred on an accident

during the work. The fire appeared to have started in the floor between the first and second floors.

Early reports said the fire was relatively minor, and criticism was mounting last night that the fire brigade had not responded quickly enough. Once mobilised, all fire brigade units in Duccel ported to hospitals. Uninjured travellers were

fire brigade units in Dussel-dorf were despatched, while fire angines and teams poured in to help from the surround-ing area. I used to arrive at Dusseldorf, The delay was said to have allowed amoke to overwhelm being redirected.

death toll is expected to rise late afternoon in a flower

shop in the arrivals hall at the air conditioning ducts Terminal A, used mainly by the German national carrier. idly turned the terminal into a suffocation chamber. "My colleague saw sparks flying out of a ventilation grill over this flower shop, and he immediately called the fire brigade," an unidentified man told German state

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"All the planes at the alr-port were carefully removed from the terminal area as soon as the fire broke out and parked in safe places," said a spokeswoman for the airport.

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AN attempt by 7-year-old Jessica Dubroff to become the youngest pilot to fly across North America ended in tragedy yesterday.

causes premature ageing Martin Walker prey to cancers, heart disease In Washington and die before they are 50.

tims sufficated in a smoke-filled alroort lift. Around 150 people were in-jured in the blaze, which destroyed the terminal and convict a partie such in the

soarked a panic rush for the exits among the thousands of

Last night firefighters were

waiting passengers.

The discovery of a faulty gene which prematurely ages A TEAM of scientists in those people who innern use Beattle, Washington, has tracked down a gene for pre-tracked down a gene for pre-science today. British scien-science today. British scien-

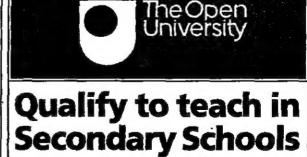
from the Pacific Coast at San Francisco across the Rocky Mountains to Cheyenne. The flight should have ended at Cape Cod, near Boston, today before flying back to California to mature ageing. Werner's syndrome strikes people in their twanties. Vic-tims go grey, their skin loses at the University of velop cataracts. They are also

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her flying instructor. The | licence until the year 2005. | her, at 4ft 2in, to reach the aircraft had just completed | "I love flying so much, I | rudder pedals. Her flying the first leg of the journey, | can't wait to get back into | instructor, Joe Reid, sat at instructor, Joe Reid, sat at the other controls beside the air." were the young girl's last known words, her, and her father, Roy given to a local television crew in Wyoming as she Dubroff, in the rear seat. "The weather was clearly completed her pre-flight a factor, with heavy rain

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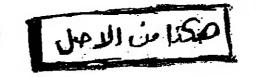
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NEWS 3 **House price** rises ease equity trap

Teresa Hunter

VIDENCE that the housing market may have turned a corner with news that sharp price rises in the South-east released almost 300,000 fam-

released almost 300,000 fam-ilies trapped by negative equity. The underlying trends look very promising. People will soon see their incomes rising with tax cuts, and the negative impact of the last quarter, boosting the value of homes in nine out of 12 regions, according to the thelitave regional house price Value of nomes in nine out of 13 regions, according to the Halifax's regional house price survey, published yesterday. A typical house now costs 0.3 per cent more than a year ago. But in the South-east price price 2.2 per cent corp. prices rose 2.2 per cent over the past three months, push-ing house prices up by 1.3 per cent compared with a year ago. Prices in Greater London also blossomed, rising by 2.8 per cent over the quarter and 1.4 per cent over the year. Lenders say most activity is

taking place in the South-east's first-time buyers' mar-ket, where prices have risen by 4.5 per cent over the past six months. This has fuelled hopes that the housing mar-ket has begun a healthy recovery, which traditionally begins at the bottom and

works its way up. The number of households with mortgages worth more than the value of their prop-erty plunged by 383,000 in the first quarter of 1996, com-paged with the final quarter PHOTOGRAPH: HENRIETTA BUTLER pared with the final quarter of last year, according to a report published by UBS analyst Rob Thomas. This is the largest decline for almost three years and takes the number of affected properties to 964,000, dipping below the million mark for the first time since 1982.

The amount owed by those in negative equity now typi-cally stands at £4,300 - and overall has fallen to £4 billion, compared with £10 billion in

1998, according to UBS. Mr Thomas said: "All the signs are there now for a classic housing market recovery.

bles many printed fabrics which were around before she put things on canvas. over whose work she cannot

"Really she should sue

However, the Halifax was more cautious. General Man-ager David Gilchrist said: "The latest figures are very good news indeed, but we want to see any improvement

to fade. But we have seen the signs of upturns like this in the past, which have petered out later in the year." Homeowners in the North enjoyed a 2.2 per cent price rise over the past three months, leaving their houses worth 0.5 per cent more than a year ago. Northern Ireland also saw

big price increases, despite fears about the peace process They rose by 5.4 per cent, pushing the value of an aver-age house up by 16.9 per cent

over the year. Prices in Yorkshire and Humberside grew by 1.5 per cent over the quarter, and cent over the quarter, and property in the North-west showed a 0.5 per cent price increase — leaving homeown-ers in the region with a 4 per cent fall over the year.

In the South-west prices rose by 1.5 per cent over the quarter, offsetting the downward trend seen in the region since the end of 1994, and leaving prices up over the

year by 0.8 per cent. Prices in Wales increase by 2.3 per cent, but remain 0.4 per cent below their level a year ago. Prices in Scotland remained unchanged, al-though they are still 1.4 per cent up on last year. The Midlands fared less

well, with prices falling by

around 0.7 per cent. The Halifax and UBS both believe house prices across the country will rise by 2 per cent this year, although UBS said it might revise its estimates upwards if April showed similar strong

growth. Mr Thomas said:"April is the key month as far as deter-mining activity over the year, because it marks the begin-ning of the housebuying 9885011

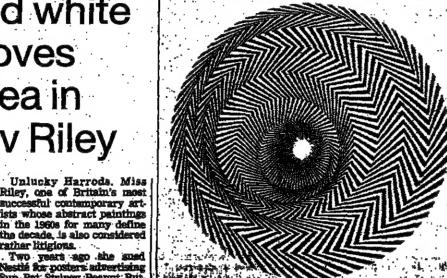
But Mr Gilchrist added "There is some suspicion that the traditional pattern of degood. The only cloud is the mand may have changed

Black and white spiral proves a grey area in Harrods v Riley

Jex Bellos

HE painting's original concept may have centred on a little visual trickery, but artist Bridget Riley was under no illusion rather litigious.

when she popped into Harmds and saw a black and white spiral among the first ter naing strip the argurer -she painted in 1968. She won



the painting as well as breach of copyright. Miss Riley, aged 65 and a former National Gallery trustee, was imavailable for comment yesterday. But har solicitor, Sarah Byrt, issued a statement saying: "Miss Riley always takes a very severe view of infringement of her copyright." The display has since been taken down as Harrods pre-

pares to go to court. Blaze 4 is in an undisclosed private collection.

The case will turn on com-plax issues of how simple a lesign can be to be covered by copyright. Several of Miss 's paintings use very basic images.

It also opens the question of imitation versus inspiration. Her immense success has meant that she has created a particular style and influenced a generation of artists,

allowed her paintings to be exploited in any commercial way and she was upset that people thought she'd made an exception for Sun Pat. I'm sure it's an excellent product but Miss Riley felt it was not one which she wanted to endorse in any way." Brian Sewell, the outspoken art critic who makes no secret of his irritation with most contemporary art, said: "I really don't see how you

can take a particular range of of colours and say this is my territory and nobody else's, which is what she seems to be saying. "Her work vaguely resem-

soon as Miss Riley com-plained. Her then lawyer, Stephen Garre, said at the time: "She was distressed because she has never

Woolwich economist Mar tin Ellis was also optimistic about prospects for house prices this year and said that

his negative equity survey due next week would confirm a substantial fall in negative equity. He said: "All the signs are

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Bridget Riley, for many the artistic voice of the '60s, and (below) Blaze, the first of a series including the one at the centre of the row with Harrods

successful contamporary art-ists whose abstract paintings in the 1960s for many define the decade, is also considered

Two years ago she suel Nestlé for posters advertising Sun Pat Stripey Peanot But

alone

writ arrived at the Knights bridge store, claiming last month's first floor display was a copy of her work, Slaw 4 The shunning image — giv. ing "atmosphere" to a win-dow display of retro-style women's fashion — was, she thought, an identical copy of a work she painted in 1964. inf the shunning image — giv. after a year-long legal battle. Writ arrived at the Knights-bridge store, claiming last month's first floor display was a copy of her work, Blaze 4: Harrods, whose in-house

have said they will contest the action in the High Court. It is believed their legal advice is that Miss Riley must show that she has suffered

financial loss as a result of

Euthanasia law triggers rush

to outback by

Christopher Zinn in Sydney

AUSTRALIA'S pioneer-ing voluntary enthana-sla legislation is attracting

terminally ill patients to the outback, a medical

group said yesterday. The Voluntary Euthana-sia Network claimed the

ister, Fred Finch, warned the terminally ill from

woman of Australia's Right

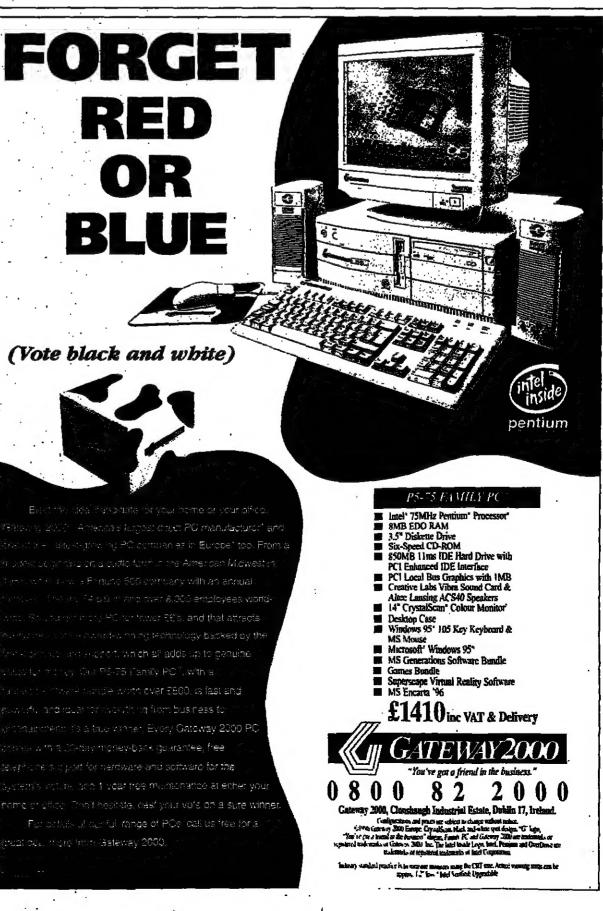
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every deck chair. Clearly the general election which may when the Government moved In the Sun Pat case, the next step is to copyright tempt people to put off the budget from March to De-posters were withdrawn as straight lines."



Israel bombs Beirut to punish Hizbullah

Sea and air attacks to last several days as Lebanon warned to curb guerrillas

David Hirst In Beirut and Derek Brown in Nagoura, south Lebanon

SRAELI planes and gun boats, striking at Hizbul-lah targets across a broad area of Lebanon, yesterday bombarded Beirut for the first time in 13 years.

Four people, including a Lebanese soldier, were reported killed, and several wounded in attacks on Beirut, the Syrian-controlled Beka'a Valley, the Hizbullah strong-hold of Iklim al-Tuffah in south Lebanon, the coastal tion, the solution is to with-road between Beirut and draw from Lebanese terri-

road between Beirut and Sidon, and Tyre. The raids are seen here as direct outcome of last month's Sharm al-Sheikh summit, where Middle Eastern and Western leaders forged a "co-alition against terror". They could heraid an escalation in the war of attrition which iranian-backed Hizbuilah guerrillas have been waging with growing success against the israeli army in occupied the Israeli army in occupied south Lebanon.

The Israeli government spokesman, Uri Dromi, said Israel would "chase [Hizbullah) everywhere. We want to drive home the message to the Lebanese and whoever helps Hizbullah that going on with this will be very costly and painful."

Israel's northern from com-nander, Major-General beyond the writ of the Lebamander, Major-General Amiram Levine, said the present operation would last

several days at least. The raids are a challenge to Syria. Israel's deputy defence minister. Ori Orr, said they were intanded to show the Lebanese government that Lebanese government that Damascus could not pretect it; and there would be "other signals". Damascus Radio said the ratios would have

"grave repercussions" on the badly faltering peace process. Lebanon's billionaire prime minister, Rafik al-Hariri, con-ceded that the country was defenceless against Israel's air raids: "we don't have the forces to stop them. But this will not solve the problem It will only create more milltary operations and this vi-cious circle will continue. If they are looking for a solu-tion, the solution is to with-

on Israel that killed a boy in a south Lebanon village. At naid-morning, Beirut res-idents saw three Apache heli-copter gunships flying high over the capital releasing thermal balloons to ward off anti-aircraft missiles. They fired five or six missiles into the Harst Hwith district of the the Haret Hreik district of the "southern suburbs", the vast, mainly Sh'ite shum and Hiz-

nese and Syrian armies. Israel said the target was

Hizbullah's "primary opera-tional headquarters" which planned and co-ordinated "terrorist" attacks on northern Israeli towns and villages. It said the area was "outside the domain of the Lebanese government", which was "incanable of imposing its sovereignty to prevent attacks against Israel, perpetrated by Hizbullah, which operates

world's first law to permit medically assisted suicide had brought at least 10 people to the Northern Ter-ritory even though does not with the encouragement of a foreign state - Iran." come into effect until July 1. Spokesman Dr Philip Hizbullah militiamen sealed off the area. Reports said that missiles badly dam-Nitschke said three had al-ready died in the territory's capital, Darwin, about 2,000 miles north of Sydney, waiting for the bill aged a building next-door to one housing the Hizbullah's Shoura, or Consultative to become law. The new law, believed to

Council. A man aged 60 was killed, and two other civilians were wounded. Hizbullah cabe the first enacted to allow doctors to give lethal injections to patients, was passed by the small territo-ry's government in Febru-ary after a long debate. Yes-terday the government sualties, if any: have not been announced. Beirut airport, which is nearby, was closed for an hour. Residents of the southern suburbs - took to their basements, but otherwise life. announced the start date. The health services min-

in the city went on normally. other states against making the long trip to Darwin un-less they fulfilled all the prerequisites. Under the Rights of the Terminally III ians were reported killed and four wounded at Jiye, on the coastal road north of Sidon, when Israeli gunboats opened fire on their cars.

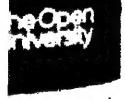
A spokesman for the 6,000-strong Unifil buffer force in Act the consent of two doctors, with a history of treatsouth Lebanon said its coming the patient, is required. mander had delivered a "strong protest" to the Israe-lis. Israel had notified Unifil of its plans for an attack the "This is a very sad day," said Margaret Tighe, chair to Life Association. will see people travelling up here to die. It will benight before. come a form of one-way

Bad old days, page 6; Leader comment, page 8

A television audience that had never previously been exposed to new music of anything but the most anodyne kind was confronted with an example of Britain's leading composer at his most gritty and uncompromising, slap bang in the middle of the musical establishment's most sacred rite.

Andrew Clements on Harrison Birtwhistle

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4 BRITAIN More young men opt to live with parents

James Meikle Community Affairs Editor

AMILY life is chang-ing in thousands of homes as more young men choose to remain living with their parents rather than flee the nest for parriage, cohabitation or independence.

Experts yesterday said that while this could lead to rises in family tension and even violence, it may improve relationships by giving chil-dren the chance to see their parents as independent adults rather than just as parents. The Survey of English

Housing, based on interviews with 20,000 households and published by the Office for National Statistics, showed significant rises over the past four years in the proportion of adults aged between 20 and 34 staying put. There were fewer young couples forming households, while figures for under-35s opting for a single

ife remained static. This may be partly a reflec-tion of the recession and poor private housing prospects in the early 1990s - the number of young adults owning homes also fell in the same period while those renting privately rose. But the trend towards later marriage may also be an important factor. Well over half of men aged 20-24 live with their parents. as do nearly a quarter of men aged 25-29. Four in 10 of stu-dents — who traditionally

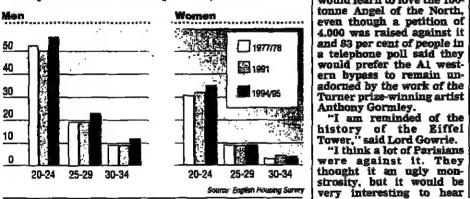
went away to college - live with their parents. Unemployment is higher

among under-30s living away from home than among those with their parents. The report says: "Unemployment did not, on this evidence, force men and women at these ages to give up independent living and return to their parents. Having a full-time job was not a necessary precondition for living independently." Alan Cooklin, a consultant

in family psychiatry and an academic at University College, London, said: "In our Housing in England 1994/5, culture we tend to think of HMSO, 230.



Percentage of men and women still living with their parents.



maleness and adulthood in terms of separation, particularly in moving away from nome and mother

"You tend now to get more roblems and more potential for violence, between mothers and sons particularly. I see a significant number of these." Relate, the marriage guid-ance organisation, said it had dealt with many couples for whom the departure of chil-dren had been "quite a shock" as they discovered they needed serious work on

their own relationship. Julia Cole, Relate's press officer, said there may be gains in having children around for longer "after the storm of teenage tantrums", allowing all those involved to see the others as independent adults rather than mothers, fathers,

sons or daughters. Adult offspring should not expect parents to continue to clean up, do the washing and cook the whole time. "I can predict situations where there may be rows over that But parents should allow

them to behave as adults in a family home. You may be pleased if they are being res-ponsible by doing the wash-ing up but less so by someone expressing aduithood by com-ing home at four o'clock and making a lot of noise." Other experts said yester-day the stay-at-home trend

among younger unmarried people would be unlikely to significantly effect government projections that another 4.4 million homes would be needed over the next 20 years The explosion in older people living alone after divorce or

their partner's death was likely to continue. One other finding could provide fresh ammunition for opponents of new housing benefit restrictions on unemroads.

ployed people aged under 25. The report said the benefit was not a factor in encouraging young single people to leave home for private accom-modation. Even those entitled to it, often did not claim.



A photomontage, above, suggests how the Angel of the North would appear if placed by the A1 near Gateshead and, below, Gormley's sculpture

Sculpture of angel to rise before doubting Geordies

Michael Ellison Arts Correspondent

EN years after a city on

the Tyne thought it was being lumbered south. Gormley's angel was commissioned by Gates-head council and has a with a white elephant, it was rewarded yesterday with £584,000 of lottery money for a 65ft statue of a 169ft wingspan, almost the same as a jumbo jet. dark angel overlooking one It is likely to be in place

at a total cost of £800,000 this time next year. Apart from National Lotof the country's busiest The doubters said in 1986 that MetroCentre in Gates-head, Tyne and Wear, home to 350 shops, would never work in the recession-hit North-east. tery money, the project has received £150,000 from the

European Regional Devel-opment Fund and £45,000 from Northern Arts. Jonathan Wallace, one of But last year it was judged the most successful retail development in the council's 14 Liberal Britain.

Democrat members, said: "To award such a huge sum And yesterday Lord Gowof money for what is basi-cally a pile of junk is rie, chairman of the Arts Council, which made the obscene. "I despair for the people who will have this statue lottery grant, said people would learn to love the 100tonne Angel of the North, stuck on their doorsteps." Martin Callanan, the only Tory member. said: "It even though a petition of 4.000 was raised against it is ruining a piece of nice countryside." He added: "One problem and 83 per cent of people in a telephone poll said they

but notice it.

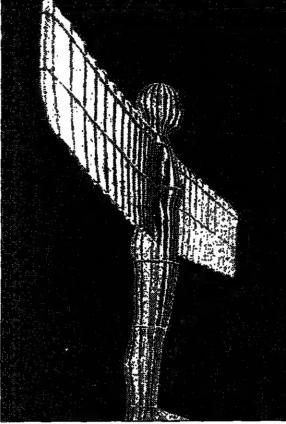
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their views now. I believe it said: "I hope it does pro-[the angel] will become the voke strong feelings. I'm great visual symbol of the not surprised at the controgreat visual symbol of the North of England, welcom-ing visitors from the versy; it's quite normal." He added: "When it's up,

people will have a look and then make their minds up. "What's great is that we can do it, because at times it has seemed uncertain that we would be able to do

"There are only a couple of councillors objecting, but they seem very vocal." The sculpture is costing £350,000 to make and put np, but landscaping, road improvements and work to stabilise the site will also provide £450,000 of work for specialist local

companies. The angel, considered the most notable piece of engi-neering in the area since the Tyne bridge was opened in 1928, will be Britain's tallest sculpture and will be seen by 33 million people a year.



The Guardian Friday April 12 1996

Rogue royal' romance on rocks **Vivek** Chaudhary

HE most maverick and some would say, most modest member of the Royal Family vesterday an-nounced that she has sepa-

rated from her husband. Marina Mowatt, the daugh ter of Princess Alexandra, the Queen's first cousin, and Sir Angus Ogilvy, sparked con-siderable controversy when she married freelance photographer Paul Mowatt in 1990 -shortly after becoming

Shortry arter becoming pregnant. In a newspaper article Ms Mowatt - 28th in line to the throne - then accused her parents of trying to persuade her to have an abortion or a "quickie" marriage when they discovered she was they discovered she was

pregnant. But the wedding was a far cry from the usual royal bash: Marina's parents were the only royals to attend; the bride wore black; and the couple settled down to married life in a semi-detached in Twickenham. south-west London. The couple's first child.

Zenouska was born in May 1990, 315 months after the wedding. A second child, Christian, was born in 1993.

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A statement by solicitors Max Bitel Greene issued on behalf of Marina and Paul, both aged 32 blamed the separation on long-standing "mar-ital difficulties" and stressed that no one else was involved. It said: "It is with great sadness that Marina and Paul Mowatt today announced that they have separated, having been experiencing marital difficulties for some time. "No one else is involved

"Both Marina and Paul are very sad that this situation has been reached and both are now intent that the laterests of their children must be paramount.

"This is a private matter and for the sake of the chli-dren, Marina and Paul wish to avoid unnecessary public-ity which might upset the children."

A spokesman for Princess Alexandra said: "Princess Al-exandra and Sir Angus are sad to learn of what has

happened, "Obviously it's a private matter for Marina and her husband but Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus will of course do everything they can to help their daughter and her young family at this difficult

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ern bypass to remain un-adorned by the work of the Turner prize winning artist Anthony Gormley. "I am reminded of the history of the Eiffel Tower," said Lord Gowrie. "I think a lot of Parisians

were against it. They thought it an ugly mon-strosity, but it would be

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Trust in £¼m effort to save last refuge of red squirrel

is it is not stuck in an art gallery where people can view it if they wish. It is so

prominent you can't help

"Everybody can see it whether they like it or

Gormley, famous for cast-iron moulds of his own body and Field, thousands

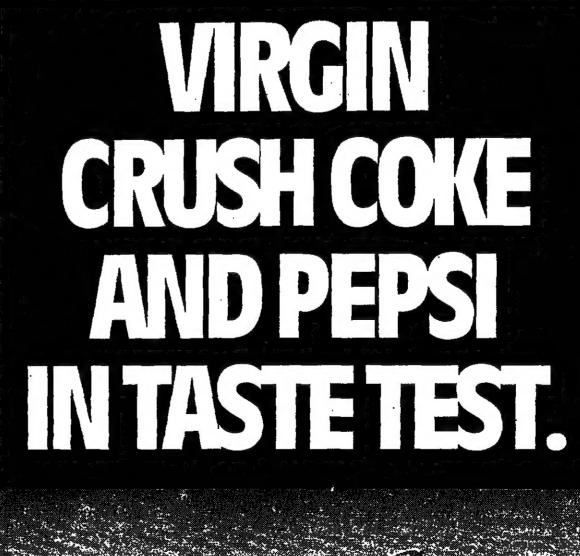
of small terracotta figures.

Paul Brown invironment Correspondes

"HE red squirrel's last a refuge in southern Eng-land is being washed away and the National Trust is to dump thousands of tonnes of rock in the sea in an effort to save the threatened rodents. The jetty and a row of cot-tages on Brownsea Island in Poole harbour, Dorset, are in imminent danger after the sea wall collapsed at the weekend after being undermined by strong tides which have been eroding the 500acre island more every year. Barry Guest, the trust's property manager for the island, said: "In recent years we have been getting short, vicious storms which can do tremendous damage. We only need one force 10 gale and anything could happen." Brownsea Island is visited by 100,000 people a year who take the five-minute ferry from the mainland before touring the woods to see some of the large colony of red squirrels which has been pro-tected against grey squirrels dominating the mainland. The trust is to place 10,000

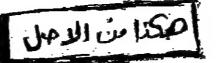
tournes of boulders beneath the sea wall and jetty to pro-tect the island from being scoured away. The death of harbour reed beds due to pollution and dredging for ferries is believed to have in-creased the effect of the tide. The remedial work must be completed by September. when Mr Guest fears the cot-tages may be lost in a winter of bad weather. Emergency funds are being used to pay for the work but the trust is asking supporters to buy one tonne boulders at £30 each to help raise the £250.000 cost.

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Murals rewrite city's history

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Martyn Halsall

ANCHESTER is restoring the most picturesque records of its 2.000-year history. The murals of Ford Madox-Brown were commis-sioned last century after the city fathers decided Manchester could profit from some respectable heri-tage, said Brian Cardy, who is leading the conservators' team. "Manchester was Cottonopolis, the centre of their trade, and they wanted to present the city as steeped in history; some of it rather spurious." Anxieties were expressed the city fathers decided

Anxieties were expressed about the condition of Madox-Brown's depiction of Ma-dox-Brown's depiction of the baptism of King Edwin about 15 years after he completed the work in Manchester Town Hall at the end of the century. "Edwin was not actually

baptised in Manchester: If was possibly Durham or York. Madox-Brown has obviously interpreted the idea," said Mr Cardy, dea, said mi cardy, Other interpretations in-cluded using members of the Boddingtons brewing dynasty as models for devout courtiers.

The team is working inch by inch with organic solents and scalpels.



Artistic surgery ... Conservator Brian Cardy working on the Ford Madox-Brown murals at Manchester town hall

Young becoming 'dunces of Europe'

John Carvel Education Editor

RITISH youngsters are on the way to be coming the dunces of Europe, local authority leaders warned yesterday. after hearing evidence from the careers service that the proportion of 16-year-olds dropping out of education rose last year for the first time in recent record.

A survey of 600,000 young people anding compulsory education after passing their sixteenth birthdays showed that only \$7.5 per cent stayed on full-time courses at school or college, compared with 68.1 per cent in 1994.

Staying on

in any form of education --including part-time courses, youth training programmes Percentage aged 16 staying on in education and employment — also fell for the first time from 83 per Lowest Kay cent to 81 per cent. "There is some evidence ... that a small but growing number of young Manchester 50 5 Safford people are either opting out of Bamsley 51 the recognised education Knowsley 52 training and employmen market, or at least are defer-ring entry to it," said the report by the UK Heads of Careers Services, published by the local authority County Durham 52 56 Black Country Highest East Sug 77 Graham Lans, education chairman of the Association of Metalogican Postantian South Buck 77 77. said the figures ware the most disturbing educational inde-79 Barnet, London #

qualifications, he said. The survey showed big regional variations in the drop-out rate. In northern England 57 per cent contin-ued in education, 19 per cent had youth training, 6 per cent got a job, 10 per cent were unemployed and 8 per cent were untraceable. In south-east England 75 per cent contin-ned in education, 5.5 per cent had youth training, 8 per cent had a job, 5 per cent were un-employed and 6.5 per cent ere untraceable, The lowest staying-on rate.

was 46 per cent in Manches-ter, which compared with 85 per cent who stayed in educa-tion in the London boronghs

not go far enough to encour-age staying on by integrating academic and vocational ask the reduction in the percentage staying in education;

I much greater competition between colleges and schools with "increasingly aggressive marketing techniques" being used to attract students.

Alan Parker, the AMA's education officer, said the experts were uncertain why staying-on rates had started to fall. In the 1960s and 1970s young people often left school in a recession to chase for the few jobs available. In the 1960s and early 1990s they in-creasingly stayed at achool to

creasingly stayed at school to better their eventual

BRITAIN 5 Shut care homes, says minister

six new unitary authorities and five of six Welsh councils. David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent Forty of the total 76 were rais-

Forty of the total 76 were rais-ing charges for services. The bigger cuts include 10 per cent (£7.3 million) by Suf-folk, 7.3 per cent (£10.3 mil-lion) by Leeds, 6.8 per cent (£2.2 million) by Calderdale in West Yorkshire, 6.5 per cent (£3.6 million) by Wirral and 6.5 per cent also (£1.6 million) by Neath and Port Talbot. Mr Rubisa, social services **HEALTH** minister last night told local authorities to close old people's homes to save money as a survey indi-cated that £125 million cuts are being made in social services budgets. John Horam, junior health minister, said authorities should "not miss the opportu-Mr Rubisa, social services director of Cambridgeshire, said the findings had proved the association's predictions

anomia not miss the opportu-nity to cut back on bureau-cracy and to close care homes owned by the council where the service can be provided with better value by the inde-pendent sector". last autumn when the Gov-ernment announced this

The number of residential homes run by local authori-ties has fallen sharply in recent years. Under the comaction next year to repair the damage done to the fabric of social services by yearly ac-cumulating levels of cut-backs, our ability to protect munity care system, home residents are eligible for an the people we are statutorily obliged to protect and nurture allowance of £54 a week, or £60 in London, only if they are in private or voluntary will be put seriously at risk." The association says that while social services received an overall 6.9 per cent rise in stablishmente

establishments. However, latest figures abow that 60,000 of the 95,500 state-supported residents of care homes in England are in local authority premises. Mr Horam was responding to a currary by the Association

or resources from social secu-rity under community care. The Department of Health claims the total rise in fund-ing was 8 per cent, including almost £85 million given to compensate for increased cap-ital allowances for care home to a survey by the Association of Directors of Social Services of 76 social services depart-ments in England and Wales - some 70 per cent of the total. The association extraporesidents. lates that cuts totalling £125 association's survey "a re-cord of dire predictions million have been imposed this month on social services rather than a realistic assess ment of resources". Similar warnings had been made in

budgets for 1996/97. Tad Kubisa, the associa-tion's president, said: "Our capacity to respond to rapidly increasing demands and needs has reached a critical

previous years, but budgets had proved adequate. "It is for councils to decide their priorities and to use resources effectively to de-liver quality social services. They should be ready to scru-The survey found that 20 of 22 metropolitan authorities were making cuts, as were 20 of 29 shire counties, eight of tinise their spending to elimi-13 London boroughs, two of nate waste," he said.

year's local authority grants. "Unless there is decisive

grant, all but 0.9 per cent was in respect of planned transfer of resources from social secu-

Mr Horam branded the

Ravers to make Brighton rock

and would obviously add to Alex Bellos reports Brighton's range of attrac-tions and its reputation as a on a planned British major centre of youth culture version of the

and entertainment. "I hope that no Bright

estival in the world.

We felt we were winning the battle for hearts and minds. Now we fear young people may be responding to a general malaise of hopeless-ness ... given the higher rates of unemployment," he

This is the first Grop'sinc the careers service started collecting comprehensive data seven years ago, raising doubts that the Governme sent's targets for producing a more gualified workforce by the year 2000 can be achieved. The percentage staying on

to become the dunces of Europe. Britain has one of the poorest records in the EU for young people staying in edu-cation after 16 and going on to served



post-16 education which led to at least claim to be making some improvements, but now unhealthy competition beeven that glimmer of hope has tween sixth forms and "privabeen extinguished." tised" colleges of further edu Young people were badly

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In his presidential address to the annual BPS

conference in Brighton, East Susser, Professor

Newstead said there were serious flaws in the process

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'Dad's army' under fire Variations mar degrees

using training programmes modelled on Open University courses. The funding formula for schools would be changed Labour plan to woo executives into teaching 'won't solve crisis'

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Donald MacLood Education Correspondent

ABOUR'S plans for a "dad's army" of middle aged executives to enter teaching would do little to solve a looming shortage in the classroom, headteachers said yesterday. A row also erapted over the

cost of proposals from David Blunkett, the shadow educasecretary, to give staff a term's sabbatical leave after 15 years' service, as part of a 10-point programme to raise the status of the profession. The National Association of

Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers gave Mr. Blunkett's ideas & warm reception at its annual conference in Glasgow. But he was attacked by James Paice, the

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education minister, who said the scheme would cost £5 million if the estimated 240,000 teachers with 15 years' experience took advantage of it tion, said it would be better to invest in young people with a full teaching career before "Is this money to come from school budgets or is this an-other example of Labour not hem. This will not solve the thinking things through?" Sabbatical leave of between huge teacher shortage that is term and a year to allow

coming in the next two or three years. We have to create a teaching force that encoureachers to refresh their knowledge or work in indus-try would have to be phased ages the best young graduates to come into teaching." in and could be met from ex The Government's Teacher isting training funds, Mr Bhunkett said-Labour sources Training Agency has esti-mated the number of trainees dismissed the government figwill have to be increased from 20,000 to 30,000 a year. ures and said part of the cost would be met from business

Mr Blunkett pledged to reform the Office for Stansponsorship. Mr Blunkett told the confer dards in Education inspection and build and the considering a receive and and the go into the considering a receive and "not i couraged in go into teaching critique". system. Schools would receive support and advice and "not just an arm's length

Marking system could lose its ustre without standardisation

to end the present incentive to recruit younger, less ex-pensive teachers. Chris Mihili John Dunford, president of the Secondary Heads' Associ-

HE degree system is in danger of falling into disrepute because of wide discrepancies in the awarding of degrees among universities, a researcher said yesterday. The steadily increasing

assessment of universities. number of students obtain ing good degrees could not be explained by better teaching or brighter under-graduates: instead, mark-Mr Newstead, head of psychology at Plymouth university, has carried out research into the consistency of examination marking and has looked at other ng seemed to be getting

Stephen Newsfead, presi-dent of the British Psycho-logical Society, said consid-eration should be given to setting up a national degree studies in the field. He gave six examination essays from psychology stu-dents to 14 experienced examiners and found great examination rather than universities granting their variations in marks. In one case the same student was own awards. Examiners awarded a First by one ex-

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aminer and a Third by another. Mr Newstead said there

was evidence some examin-ers were biased against blaring out hardcore techno music. girls and other studies sug-More than just a street carnival, it is seen by many Ger-mans as a loud political state-ment proclaiming solidarity between young Europeans. gested that perhaps 10 per cent of students cheated in ramination

Steps could be taken lo-The music has no lyrics and cally to improve marking procedures with the intro-duction of blind marking so so there is no language har-rier between nationalities. the examiners did not know the students and more rigid Britain's equivalent is due to take place in Brighton on marking schemes giving July 20.

specimen answers. There also needed to be better There The Dance Parade will have half the amount of floats and training of examin lans to cater initially for wider use of external 6,000 people. The organisers have sub examiners,

mitted plans to Brighton council, which is keen to be There was also a case for establishing national degree examinations just as there are national examinaassociated with such an event, although final permission will be given after the local elections on May 2. tions at school level.

"Without standardisation the degree system in this country is in danger of Ian Duncan, chairman of Brighton council's arts and falling into disrepute," eisure committee, said: "This said is a very exciting proposal

stick-in-the-muds or spoil-**Berlin Love Parade** sports will be opposing this

innovative suggestion. RITAIN is likely to bost its own version of the Berlin Love Parade, an A UK dance parade bring full circle a youth culture that is widely seen to have started here in the late 1980s with event inspired by British rave acid house parties, but was curbed by anti-rave culture which has since become the largest dance music

curbed by anti-rave legislation. Christian Vogel, an English DJ who has played the Love Parade, said: "The Germans really value English culture and English music. A lot of From small beginnings in 1989, when 150 Berliners made their way down the city's Kufurstendamm, the Love Parade has become an annual spectacle attracting up to 500,000 people. Revellers dance behind about 40 floats them do believe that dance culture began in the UK." Kevin Grimshaw, a dance

parade co-ordinator, said he got the idea after hitch-hiking to Berlin last year. "The at-mosphere was truly enlight-ening. When people dance together they drop all preten-sions and come together in

mutual harmony and respect. "I thought 'why did I have to go all the way there when he dance culture here is so vibrant and progressive?

Brighton already bosts sev eral other parades during the year and the dance parade's licence is thought to depend on whether the highways au thority agrees to another day of disruption.

 Tribal Gathering --- dubbed as dance music's Woodstock - is appealing against Cher-well district council's refusal to grant it a licence.

The day-long event is due to start on May 4 at Otmoor Park, Oxfordshire. All 30,000 tickets have been sold.

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Return to the bad old days

David Hirst in Beirut reports on the larger significance of the Israeli raids

ern suburbs, yesterday was like going back in time to the civil war, to the reign of the militias which waged it. In this teeming, impoverished, Shi'ite bastion, armed men of the Iranian-backed Hizbullah the Iranian-backed Hizbullah expected that it would be the were out in force, standing in first external target of a doorways, Kalashnikovs at the ready, controlling traffic and preventing access to the Hizbullah offices which three Israeli helicopters had just struck with air-to-ground

missiles. There was only a sprinkling of Syrian and Leb-anese soldiers in sight. If Hizbuilah's members are

O ENTER the Da-hiya, Beirut's south international "anti-terrorist coalition", established after last month's summit in Sharm al-Sheikh, had made it its business to eradicate, or at least the Israelis and Ameri-Israel's last great incursion cans had. In fact, Lebanon had always into Lebanon, Operation Accountability, of summer 1993.

> stepped-up "anti-terrorist" campaign, and of a growing need by Shimon Peres, the Is-raeli prime minister. to ap-pease public opinion thirsty for retribution. The assault on the capital

been growing in intensity, daring and sophistication. In addition to its routine, long-range shelling, its men have was small, symbolic almost. Only one man died in Beirut. anese soldiers in sight. If Hizbullah's members are classified as "terrorists". then the Dahiya is its vast, untrammelled haven. It was with another air raid on a new round of suicide bomb-it was a big escala-it with another air raid on a new round of suicide bomb-it with another air raid on a new round of suicide bomb-it with another air raid on a new round of suicide bomb-it with another air raid on a new round of suicide bomb-it with another air raid on a new round of suicide bomb-it with another air raid on a new round of suicide bomb-it with another air raid on a new round of suicide bomb-it with another air raid on a new round of suicide bomb-

But Hizbullah attacks have

flizbullah depot near the Syr-ian frontier, and a helicopter Byen more provocative, attack — also the first of its perhaps, is its rhetoric, which kind -- on a Lebanese army grows in menace and self-asposition in Tyre. Hizbuilah has given the Issurance. As one Israeli col-umnist said, it is no longer the Israeli government which raelis more than the usual "advises" border residents to go down into the shelters, it is provocation recently. It insists it has not been violating the United States-brokered Hassan Nasrallah, secretary-"understanding" that ended

general of Hizbullah. Hizbullah boasts about Isra-el's acute dilemma. It knows it is impossible for larael — as Mr Pares said last week — to withdraw from the "security zone", but also that it is very Under that "understanding", Hizbullah agreed not to launch missiles into northern Israel, and Israel agreed not to strike civilian targets be-yond its "security zone" in south Lehanon. risky for Israel to mount an all-out attempt to crush Hiz-bullah once and for all. As widely expected in Bei-

rut, Israel has tried some thing more psychologically and politically dramatic than

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probably with Syria's too. President Hafez al-Assad's position in this new flare-up in the Arab-Israeli conflict will be critical.

Since the Sharm al-Sheikh conference, Mr Assad thinks Syria is becoming the target of an "anti-terrorist" campaign so biased in Iarael's favour that it has imperilled the whole peace process. "I don't say the door of peace is

closed, but it is narrowing." Mr Assad said last week. Syria, officials insist will never go back to the stalled Syrian-Israeli negotiations on

Syrian-Israeli negoliations of Israel's terms, among them the reining in of Hizhullah. And for the first time since the 1991 Madrid peace confer-ence, officials say the US has forfeited its role "as the hon-est broker it pledged to be". As for the war in south Leb-

anon, Mr Assad said it was Israel, not Hizbullah, which was violating the 1993 "under- Leader co

standing". He said no "honest person". Arab or otherwise, could call those seeking to libtheir territory erate terrorists

Mr Assad's growing sense of isolation has been increased by what he sees as a whole array of new "alli-ances" Israel and the US are

hoping to forge in the region. Under an Israeli-Turkish military agreement announced last week, Israel can deploy warplanes in Turkish territory. This has caused undis-guised alarm in Syria.

So has the visit to Israel evidently for talks on strate gic co-operation, of the Jorda-nian chief of staff. This is being followed by joint US-Jordanian manoeuvres, which Damascus denounced yesterday as a "dangerous precedent in Arab modern history".

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France 'shaken by wave of racism'

News in brief

A United Nations investigator said yesterday that France was being shaken by "a wave of xenophobia and racism". belying its image as the cradle of human rights.

Reporting to the UN Human Rights Commission. Maurice Glele-Ahanhanzo said the problems of foreigners in France had been made worse by anti-immigration laws passed in 1993 which must now be amended.

But he added that parties across the political spectrum were to blame for encouraging racism by using the issue of immigration as an easy vote-winner.

Mr Glele-Ahanhanzo, a human rights expert from Benin, is the commission's "special rapporteur" on racism. The report, written after a 10-day fact-finding mission, examines attacks against immigrants, which are especially common against those from France's former colonies in North Africa. France's population of 58 million includes at least 4 million

legal foreign residents and up to one million others believed to be there illegally.

be mere megany. A survey in 1994 showed that 62 per cent of French people accept that they have racist attitudes. In the same poll, 68 per cent said they had witnessed racist taunts, with North Africans most often the victims. — Reuter, Geneva.

New trouble for Tyson

MIKE TYSON is alleged to have bitten a woman on the cheek and lip during a kiss, before thrusting her away in a Chicago night club, the incident which provoked the woman to file charges of sexual battery which could send him back to jail for breaking the The Indiana probation. The Indiana probation service said yesterday they had "no

the final approaches service sale yestering they had no immediate plans "to interview the world heavy weight boxing champion about the latest allegation, pending a decision by Chicago police and prosecutors whether to file formal charges. Nightclub staff and bodyguards have denied the woman's story. — Martin Walker, Washington.

Electoral 'fraud' in Quebec

THERE is evidence of electoral fraud at the count in Quebec's referendum on independence, according to an independent study. Ballots which were in favour of the No side -- voling against separation — were rejected unnecessarily in those polling stations where their numbers were gaining strength. The No side won the October referendum by only 54,000 votes.

The report's author and Montreal lawyer. Andrew Orkin. who also supervised the South African election, said: "This is huge

Middle East nuclear appeal

PRESIDENT Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, opening a ceremony at which up to 53 African states will declare their continent free of nuclear weapons, called yesterday for a similar zone in the Middle East.

"I urge . . . all the states of the Middle East to take a similar step between them so that we can protect this region from the dangers of these letbal weapons." Mr Mubarak said. Israel is widely believed to have nuclear weapons. It says it will

discuss its nuclear programme only after peace throughout the

Mr Muberak also urged the five declared nuclear states — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States — to speed up progress towards full nuclear disarmament. — *Reuter, Cairo*.

Hijacker rejects Israeli terms

A PLO hijscker, Leila Khaled, said in Amman yesterday that she rejected Israeli terms for her return to Palestinian self-rule areas to attend a meeting on amending the PLO charter calling for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Ms Khaled, a member of the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, and a PLO faction that opposes President Yasser Arafat's peace deal with Israel, said she would still leave Amman for self-rule areas on Sunday. "The Israelis are

Israeli attack narrows Clinton's choices

Martin Walkes In Washington

FTER behind-thescenes American diplomacy had failed to stop Israeli retaliation for the guerrilla rocket attacks from Lebanon, the White House said yesterday it was "urging all sides to exercise restraint and minimise the tension and Secretary of State, Warren

the violence". The plea was swiftly Christopher. answered by Israel's northern front commander, who said the air and artillery strikes against guerrilla targets in offend the pro-Israel lobby in Lebanon would continue for several days.

The latest eruptions in Lebgovernment anon and the new freeze that has settled over the hopes of an Israeli-Syria peace agree-ment on the Golan Heights, have left the Clinton administration with little to show for its most sustained foreign policy initiative, the attempt to reach a comprehensive kud Party.

Middle East peace settlement. US officials insisted yester day that "giving up on the peace process is not an op-tion, and would only reward peace process is not an op-tion, and would only reward age any escalating reaction to terrorists. extremists and the Israeli attacks. other enemies of peace". But

any new US initiative is now | those Middle East govern-perilously narrow, con- ments it recognises, it has no strained by next month's Isrelations with Iran, and little access to the guerrilla organi-sations like Hizbullah which raeli elections and by the US presidential elections. It is constrained also by the

are backed by Iran. But the different agenda of the main anti-Israeli guerrilla groups in Lebanon also depend on policy-makers in Washington, Syrian sufferance and the failure of US diplomacy to restrain Damascus in recent days has left the US with little leverage to apply on the em-battled Israel government.

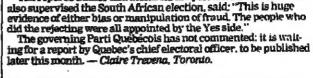
But in an election year. The US is now threatened with political fund-raising a with irrelevance as the regional dynamic takes over, driven by the Israeli elec-tions, by the Hizbullah inthe US by putting serious pressure on the Israeli transigence, and by Syria's realisation that it is not now likely to recover the Golan

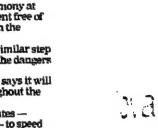
Moreover, while remaining Heights this year. An Arab diplomat said: "Both Israel and the US underestimated the reaction in Syria and in the rest of the publicly neutral in the Israeli elections, Mr Clinton's security advisers have urged him to give wide latitude to the Shimon Peres government, Arab world to the news of the rather than increase the defence agreement between chances of victory of the Li-

Israel and Turkey. "They may say it is limited to giving Israeli aircraft some The main effort of American diplomacy yesterday was to press Syria to use its influrights to train and overfly in Turkish airspace, but to Syria that is bound to look like encirclement. If there was any prospect of Syria coming to The US difficulty is that terms with Israel, the Turkthe window of opportunity for while it can hope to influence ish agreement ended it."



Seeking safety ... A Shi'ite family flee their home in the Bir el-Abed suburb of Beirut yesterday after Israeli helicopter gunships attacked Hizbullah PHOTOGRAPH: AMED AZAGR





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Waiting game



vant army in the land. Vant army in the land. For more than a decade and a half, the multi-national troops of Unifil have observed Israel's spo-radic ravaging of its north-ern neighbour. They have also watched the Hizbullah groupilles inflicting their the north of the occupation zone, and on a Lebanes zone, and on a lecanese army position in Tyre. Unifil did what it is al-ways obliged to do: noth-ing. For Israel controls Uni-fil, just as surely as it dictates the rest of life in Labaron guerrillas inflicting their pinprick attacks on Israel. Lebanon.

pinprick attacks on Israel. Yesterday was the turn of the pinpoint attack, as one Israeli military correspon-dent was pleased to de-scribe the belicopter strike on a Hizbullah headquar-ters in a Beirut suburb. The 5,500 men of Unifil could only sit and watch and wait, wait for the next Israeli strike, and wait for the response of Hizbullah. Overhead in the leaden skies, helicopters clattered and warjets boomed their way through the sound There were other attacks: in the Beka's valley in east-ern Lebanon, on villages to barrier.

> Attacks 'harm peace' warns Damascus

Reuter in Kiryat Shmona Reuter in Damascut

THE northern Israeli com-munity of Kiryat Shmona resembled a ghost town yes-terday as men took to bomb SYRIA criticised Israel for Slaunching air strikes against Lebanon yesterday and said the attacks would harm the Middle East peace shelters and women and chil-dren left for fear of more Hizprocess. "What Israel did in Leba-non today has only one name. It is aggression," Syrian state-

bullah attacks from Lebanon. Town officials worked from a bomb shelter to organise the run radio said about the first evacuation of women and children on buses from the border town, hit on Tuesday raids on Beirut in 14 years. "This Israeli aggression is by rockets. not justified by any means. Is

A banner strung across a building site was directed at rael could not present any reason to explain or justify it." the radio said. "Aggres-Israel's prime minister, Shimon Peres: "For sale: sion against civilians could never be justified." Last month Israel sus-

Ghost town at any price." Residents held angry dem-onstrations on Tuesday callpended the final round of ing for retaliation against Hizbullah. A spokesman, peace talks with Syria and Hizbullah. A spokesman, Yoram Even Tsur, said: "This the United States, after Palestime we've come to the very end of the policy of restraint." tinian suicide bomb rael killed 58 people. tinian suicide bombers in Is

Israel said in Fobruary it would let Ms Khaled and 153 others. including some of the staunchest anti-Israeli guerrillas, return to attend the PNC meeting and settle in the West Bank or Gaza with

their families if they wish. Ms Khaled said she would not agree to Israeli demands that she sign a paper denouncing "terrorism", backing the Middle East peace process and condemning attacks by Muslim bombers that killed 58 people in Israel. "I will refuse to sign any paper, even if this means them sending me back. I will not beg them to enter. even if I am really longing (to enter]" — Reater, Amman.

Indiscriminate selection

THE University of California regent who championed the aboli-tion last year of positive discrimination was himself pushing two students for admission, it has been disclosed. The involvement of Ward Connerly, a property consultant in Sacramento and a black man, intensifies the scandal. A Los Angeles Times investigation has revealed that hundreds of stu-dents, often the sons and daughters of politicians, state officials, and university donors, gained entry to the nine-campus universi-ty by the back door. ty by the back door. Mr Connerly, a conservative who led the board of regents' fight

against affirmative action, denying favourable consideration (minority groups and women, now says he believes VIP admissions should be abolished. But his participation will fuel the campaign expected over the issue in this year's general elec-tion. — *Christopher Reed, Los Angeles.*

Andreotti murder trial starts



GIULIO ANDREOTTI, the former prime minister of Italy

GIOLIC ANDREOTT, the former prime minister of Italy accused of alleged ties to the Mafia, went on trial in Perugia yesterday for the murder of a journalist in 1979. Mr Andreotti (bottom right) is accused with Pippo Calo (escorted by policemen) of complicity with the Mafia in the killing of Mino Pecorelli, editor of a political scandal sheet who reputedly had compromising secrets about the politician. Mr Andreotti has denied any part in the killing or any Mafia link. — Reuter. link - Reuter.

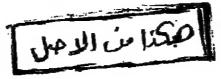
Court rules out boy's name

Twee me saw by naming their son Bruxeerstminpocecilimminp rxvelmickssqlbbillif, or Albin for short. "Unfortunately Brfxxc: whatever is not a recognised first name in Swedish law, even though the parents promise it is pronounced Albin, which is a perfectly acceptable name," a spokesman at the district court in Halmstadt, southern Sweden and control of the second se said yesterday.

Sau reservery. The parents were fined 2440 for falling to give their son a first name, despite arguing that their choice was "a prognant, express sionist elaboration that we view as an artistic creation," the spokesman said. - Jon Henley, Helsinki,

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'Ghost town' demands retaliation

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Centre-left leader Romano Prodi seeks victory in next week's polls with his no-nonsense message, writes John Hooper in Vicenza

Professor hopes to win Italy without promises

paign bus, being hurled from side to side as it swings round corners on the way into Vicenza "You know something?" he

says, "in the whole of this campaign, I've not been incampaign, I've not been in-suited by a single person. Not one." Professor Romano Prodi, the centre-left's candi-date in next week's general election, clearly finds this remarkable. But to find someane who would want to say cruel and offensive things to the professor would not be easy; they would need to be the kind of person who enjoys that had a person who enjoys torturing spaniel puppies. Prof Prodi is nobody's fool

He headed and restructured Italy's giant state holding company, the IRL His eyes can guickly acquire an as-sessing glint. But he has a face that could have been moulded from va-nilla fudge, and it radiates well-intentioned bonhomic. A

more fitting counterpoint to the moral cynicism which is the common coin of Italian politics would be hard to imagine. The aim of his cam-paign has been to emphasise this contrast.

Whereas his rival, the television magnate Silvio Berlusconi, makes eye-and-earcatching promises of tax cuts. Prof Prodi - an aconomica teacher by vocation - tells electors there is no easy solution to Italy's problems. Whereas Mr Berluscini uses the electronic media to pro-ject his message, Prof Prodi

travels the country talking, and listening, to people. "I think it's the only way to conduct politics," he says. "I wanted to be a bit different in a world homogenised by tele-vision." And while Mr Berlus-

HE man who hopes to coni is usually seen coming yet intensely provincial — be Italy's next prime and going in limousines. Prof minister is sitting in the back of his cam-ible by train or bus. more cash and far greater claims to fame as the city Prodi traves wherever poss-thle by train or bus. This bus is admittedly a bit special. The back has been converted into a mini camwhich houses many of Palla-dio's finest buildings.

Prof Prodi has come to the Veneto because the signs are paign headquarters. In one half there are desks running down either side, on that the election will be de-cided here, it is here that the which have been installed a photocopier, a portable com-perhaps most important — a device for turning out strong espresso. In the other half are right's divisions offer the newly united centre-left its best chances of breaking

You know, in the whole of this campaign, I've not been insulted by a single person. Not one'

'I wanted to be a bit different in a world homogenised by television'

sofas, a television and a like the one that Prof Prodi has just visited (which makes gear cogs for racing hikes) have given the Veneto virtu-ally full employment. That makes it difficult to rate for a politician whose implicit promise is to create jobs, by

neans of a thorough restruc-It is notoriously difficult to

with 10 days to go before poll-ing. Prof Prodi's time is best spent addressing a half-empty His strategy of taking his bikes. politics to the people was car-tainly well suited to getting himself established as a

national figure. Whether it is the left. The only thing red in the best way to win this electron is emblem is the apostrophe tion is another matter. It is emblem is the apostrophe of L Tlivo. Yet there is not Vicenza is an unusual much sign of the electors who blend, extremely prosperous once in this area voted mas- the power he seeks.

clear vision of the challenges facing Italy, but less than knowlegeable about what he would actually do if handed

Berlusconi's fall, threw his hat in the ring at the last mo-ment. He offers moderate vot-ers what Prof Prodi cannot -a track record in power. The windows on the higgledy-piggledy rooms at the back of the piazza are filled with golden, evening light by the time the professor begins. He has improved greatly as a speaker in the years since he entered politics and has de-veloped a style well attuned to

the pronounced cadences of his native Emilia. He uses it to give a reasoned tour of the principal issues, from tax to Italy's role in Europe. Earlier in the coach he had cheerfully agreed with the recurrent criticism of his campaign --that it lacked the clarity of Mr Berlusconi's. "If you want to be clear, and untruthful, it is perfectly possible," he riposted. But in a speech lasting well

over half an hour, it is not merely the absence of trite pledges or facile sound bites that is striking. It is also the lack of a single specific under-taking. He does not promise to do this or that to the economy, build more schools or hospitals, or even bring down unemployment by a set per-

One leaves convinced that he is a decent man with a



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Joe Cook in Prague

Bowing to interna-tional criticism, Presi-dent Michal Kovac of

Slovakia refused to sign

The loosely defined set of garian minority, which Slo-laws would have made it vak nationalists believe is passage through parlia-possible to be public gath bent on uniting southern mant, the EU sent a delega-tion of political opinion. They were drafted to ap-pease the ultra-nationalist by perliament, the legisla-mant delegation of concern with Medica's to the ultra-nationalist by perliament, the legisla-mant expression of concern with the Slovak foreign

video video. As we trundle into the Pi-azza dei Signori, scattering pigeons and pedestrians, one of the professor's aides casts an experienced eye over the waiting crowd, 'Two thou-sand," he says without much enthosiasm.

turing of the economy. The people gathered to hear the professor are mainly the kind who, in Britain, would read a significance into the size of the turnout, but one cannot but wonder whether, read the Guardian, vote Labour and join Greenpeace, but who in Italy have traditionally backed the Commu nists. Several have arrived on

egislation this that would have enabled the nationalist government of the prime minister, Vla-dimir Meciar, to imprison political opponents.

A Western diplomat in the capital Bratislava said the legislation posed a "threat to human rights". Mr Kovac returned the

defence of the republic" laws to parliament for fur-ther discussion after describing them as "undemocratic and disturbing". He said they contradicted the constitution, European pacts on human rights, and would hinder Slovakia bid

of Mr N creasingly authoritarian government. The national ists had made their support for ratification of a bila treaty with Hungary condi-tional on the new laws. Successful implementa

tion of the Slovak-Hungar-ian treaty is seen as an very, very broad and open essential part of both countries' efforts to join the EU and Nato. Hungary's to subjective interpreta-tion," said a Western diplomat in Bratislava. "It po-tentially opens the door to parliament ratified the treaty more than a year ago. Observers suggest that cases where political opponents [of the government could be under threat, and the ambiguous wording of the law is implicitly in-tended to curtail the politiit contradicts the spirit of cal activities of Slovakia's the EU's Copenha 570.000-strong

defined actions such as "de ninister, Juraj Scl stroying sovereignty, vili-fying the nation" and He said the laws wer similar to legislation in Sweden, France, Belgium and Germany — a claim dis-"spreading alarming reports", offences which carry punishments of up to missed by those countries. five years in prison. "The main problem with these laws is that they are

The Austrian chancellor, Franz Vranitzky, after meeting Mr Meclar this week, said the Slovak rime minister may now nave the legislation "renegotisted" in parliament be-fore it is returned to Mr Korac for signing. But under Slovak regulations, the president has no power to return a law that has been passed by parliament a second time. en con-

Romano Prodi . . . A more striking contrast to the cynicism of Italian politics would be hard to find PhotoGRAPH S. GRANA

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Principles and payments

Nolan needs to make quangos accountable

today. Until yesterday he must have believed he held one of the best-paid public sinecures in the land: £15,000 a year for 10 days work as the chairman of the Dover Harbour Board - the equivalent of £1,500 a day. Then he may have read our front page splash yesterday by David Hencke, our Whitehall correspondent, who disclosed Sir Brian Shaw. Chairman of the Port of London Authority (PLA), has an even better deal: £50,000 a year for 12 meetings a year. In a letter on this page today the PLA insists that this is not the end of Sir Brian's onerous non-executive duties. He is a member of all board committees (except renumeration), represents the PLA at numerous meetings, and is contactable at all times. Perhaps next year the Department of Transport, which to its credit was one of only three out of 18 departments to publish the terms of new government appointments as promised by the Prime Minister, will give a fuller version of the work its new quangocrats are expected to carry out. Meanwhile the Nolan Committee, set up to monitor standards in public life, is reported to be ready to call for an end to payments to all people sitting on public bodies.

Would this be wise? Lord Nolan was right in his first report last year to seek to restore a public service ethic. A succession of parliamentary and press investigations had exposed a catalogue of fraud, mismanagement and sleaze in appointments is to be curbed. Political the public administration of the nation. Nolan's seven principles of public life would have been saluted by earlier reformers: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. But these principles did not rule out payments. Selflessness was defined as:"Holders of public office should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do members. Nolan has never been more so in order to gain financial or other (needed.

JOHN Maltby could be feeling miffed | material benefits for themselves, their family or their friends."

To their credit some new quango members have urged Nolan to end their payments. Members of Training and Enterprise Councils, housing association trustees and grant maintained school governors have all spoken up in support of no fees. But there are other quangos where payment seems absolutely appropriate. The chairman of a hospital trust, for example, is expected to spend two full days a week on trust business. This is a crucial job which can involve £150 million or more in annual expenditure, and affect the treatment of thousands of people. It seems entirely appropriate that they should be paid for their service. Quangos have become so diverse and varied there can be no general rule which applies to all in terms of pay. A distinction needs to be drawn between advisory and executive boards; the amount of work required; and whether reimbursement is needed to achieve a genuine cross-section of consumers.

There remain much more serious issues to be resolved than pay if the 6,000 quangos and their 70,000 members are to be made more accountable. A new Commissioner for Public Appoint-ments. Sir Len Peach, began work three months ago. His main themes - transparency, balance, merit - are right but much more radical changes are needed if the shameful ministerial power over patronage was supposedly expunged from public service by the Northcote-Trevelyan reforms of 100 years ago only to be resurrected by the new quangos. Currently two thirds escape the remit of the ombudsman, an even bigger proportion deny proper public access, and there is no proper register of the finan-cial, political and family interests of the

Diplomacy: Israeli style

Is it really good judgment to return to bombing Beirut?

ISRAEL, says Prime Minister Shimon | Mr Peres, is it really good "judgment" Peres, has no policy of "self-restraint", | in his terms to reopen the deep sore of only a policy of "judgment". His state- Lebanon by killing and wounding its



Letters to the Editor Those big lottery numbers It takes two to quango — and Sir Brian is the one who's in step

tery misrepresented the messages of the National key mes Lottery Yearbook published by the Directory of Social Change. The Yearbook recognises that the lottery has been absorbed with enthusiasm into the daily life of the country, has brought excitement into the lives of most people, and has generated large sums for good causes. I welcome the Yearbook as a useful source of advice for people seeking to make appli-cations for lottery funds. The published analysis cov-

ers the period to the end of 1995, some nine months after the first lottery award was made. During that period, more than 1,300 capital awards were made by the arts, sports, heritage and millan-nium distributing bodies — on average almost five awards every single day. In the first three months of this year, the same distributing bodies have made over 900 awards - on average over 10 awards a day. The number of awards will

continue to grow. In January. I encouraged the chairmen of the lottery distributing bodies to be flexible over partnership funding requirements. You welcomed

Our Greer

REMEMBER growing up

with Greer Garson (First lady of the blitz, April 8). My family knew Mrs Garson and

her daughter Eileen Garson (who later used a family name

instead of Elleen) very well.

They lived in East Ham in

London, as we did. Eileen attended the same school as my brother Rolf. It was what

we would later have called a grammar school, but it was housed in East Ham Techni-

cal College. When in the sixth form,

they acted in plays like Gold-smith's She Stoops To Con-guer, and Eileen always came

to our musical parties, where she contributed recitations. I

remember a boy guest saying, when I told him that Eileen

had a cold and was not com-ing: "Oh, but Eileen is the

party." After leaving school,

Eileen went to King's College, London, where she took parts

DESPITE the kind person-ality portrayed on the screen. Greer Garson was the

least attractive of the many stars who worked at MGM El-

stree. She was conceited, haughty and artificial (in-cluding the colour of her

in college plays and operas. J E Griffiths.

38 New Road, Solihull B91 3DP.

hair).

OUR leader (April 10) and and the Heritage Lottery about the National Lot Fund both now have a minimum 10 per cent partnership funding requirement for awards under £100,000; as do the Millennium Commission for their awards scheme. As a result of the success of the lottery, we have been able to respond to the demands for using lottery funds to help de-velop the talents and skills of people, as well as continuing capital revitalise infrastructure On April 1, I announced

changes to the lottery rules which will allow the establishment of "talent funds" to provide individual support to tal-ented sports people, and to develop the creative abilities of young people in particular, and a number of other initiatives aimed at helping to increase participation in sport and access to the arts.

Over 5,500 awards have al ready been made, and the in-creasing number of awards in the future coupled with the changes to the rules will allow the benefits of the lottery to be felt by people in every commu-

nity across the country. (Rt Hon) Virginia Bottomley. Secretary of State for National Heritage. 2-4 Cockspur Street London SW1Y 5DH

land and Portugal.

facts to the contrary. In just 73 weeks, Oflot has allowed Camelot and its agents to withhold £875 million to run in your lead article (Nolan: end quango scandal, April 11) are ina misleading. one computer and about 30,000 outlets. No lottery has ever cost so much. The The premise that attendance at 12 main board meet-ings a year equals only 12 days' work equals remunera-tion of £4,000 per day is super-ficial and fauous. Quite apart financial wizardry is this: the costs of a computer, advertis-ing and 500 staff are constant. Only the agents do more work if there are more tickets to sell. So costs as a percentage should apply only to the agents (5 per cent). Until Peter Davis, or his

successor, revises the con-tract as a service contract, everyone who plays the lot-tery knows that they are paying on average an extra 8.5 per cent each week to Came-lot, a total of 2514 million. Not bad going, when their capital outlay was only 249.5 million. Denis Vanghan. Executive Director,

The Lottery Promotion Company Limited, 41 Floral Street. London WC2E 9DG.

F you must print photo-graphs of Virginia Bottom ley (April 10) could you please find one without her custom ary, and groundless, self-assured smile. I realise pictures of her without a smile are as remuneration. The consulrare as unsigned copies of

inaccurate

THE references to PLA Chairman Sir Brian Shaw In picking on Sir Brian as a "Quango King" you could hardly have chosen a more inappropriate target. Geoffrey Ennals. and

ecretary, Port of London Authority. 58-60 St Katharine's Way. London El 9LB.

JOUR reporters, and possi-Y bly Lord Nolan, are mov ing into curious moral terri-tory in putting the view that quango members should be unpaid and do their work purely in the spirit of public from chairing main board meetings, Sir Brian is a mem-ber of all board committees (apart from the Remunera-tion Committee) through service. Quangos come in all shapes and sizes. For some, payment of board members is which the PLA's statutory work is done. He represents the PLA and the Port of Lon-don at numerous meetings and functions to promote the Port's interests. He is based at clearly inappropriate; for others it is imperative if they are to get the standard of govthe PLA's principal office and is either have or available to the PLA svery work day and contactable at all other times. ernment which they require. The two cases you highlight, the PLA and the Dover Harbour Board, were unfortu-nately picked as they illus-trate the danger of your The Chairman's remuneration, which he does not deter-mine, is based on an assess-ment of competitive cash compensation for non-execu-tive directors undertaken by thesis. These bodies are still organised as trusts, but, like other ports, most of which are in the commercial sector, they have to be run as effi-cient industrial companies independent consultants. This assessment was used by the PLA Remuneration Comthat can be found to lead them. If they fail in this they mittee, who set the level of non-executive members' will go into decline.

tants' recommended level for For the size and responsi-0.000

ment on the south Lebanon crisis, made civilians and returning to Beirut? just two days before Israeli planes and | Though these incidents are relatively ships blasted Lebanon and rocketed small in scale, they touch on a very Beirut yesterday for the first time in 14 sensitive historical nerve and carry an years, can at least claim the virtue of unsettling risk of escalation. The truth honesty. Indeed no Israeli government is that the shaky stand-off on the Ishas ever accepted the obligation to act with self-restraint and proportionality when defending what it regards as its national interest and security. Exemplary action is seen as the only effective form of deterrence - however often in practice this may fail to achieve the desired result. But there is a particularly hard edge to what is now being said by Mr Peres and his colleagues. The activities of Hizbollah against Israel, in the view of deputy defence minister Ori Orr, now make it necessary that the Lebanon population as a whole - not just in Israel's unilaterally declared security zone - should "live under more fear than it lives today." Beirut, he added after yesterday's raid, "must understand that it cannot be quiet there and less quiet in Kiryat Shmona" (where Israelis were wounded on Tuesday by Hizbollah's own rockets). No doubt such talk also has a political purpose in seeking to neutralise right-wing criticism as the Israeli elections approach. So do the actions which flow from it: a display of lethal strength, whatever the target in Lebanon, may halt the Likud offensive.

first. Hizbollah sees itself as a surrogate target for Israel's frustration over the terrorism of Hamas and other groups. Israel sees the hand of Iran everywhere while Syria is disinclined to use its influence unless there is movement on the Golan Heights negotiations. Nor should the primary cause of Hizbollah's militancy be forgotten: it is that Israel maintains its foothold inside southern Lebanon more than 10 years after it withdrew from the rest. All of this makes a tangled web which will only be unravelled if and when the external context improves. Israel ministers such as Yossi Belin acknowledge that there will be no drastic change on the border till there is a comprehensive diplomatic agreement with Syria and Lebanon.

raeli-Lebanese border has been unrav-

elling for some time. Israel's client

militia army in the occupied zone has

lost the will to fight. The unwritten rules brokered by the US between Hiz-

bollah and Israel in July 1993, accord-

ing to which civilians would not be

harmed, have been breached by both

sides - each claiming the other did so

Terror and counter-terror will not Yet even if self-restraint is rejected by bring that any nearer.

The birth of a winning streak

How this page helped West Bromwich Albion turn the corner

WHILE HAPPY to join the acclaim for | salvation, as we modestly pointed out at West Bromwich Albion's latest triumph | the time, was the appearance of a - a 2-1 win at Leicester on Tuesday we are sorry to see this ancient club's revival since Christmas so widely ascribed to the signing of the talented Dutch midfielder Richard Sneekes from the even more stricken Bolton Wanderers. Admittedly he has scored seven goals in a mere eight games, but respect for the truth compels us to say that the team's recovery from its catastrophic slump in mid-season began well before he arrived.

Hawthorns which at one time seemed to of cause and effect are known to philosthreaten relegation and engagements ophers. Even though denied the thanks with Wrexham and York City next season can be simply and bleakly stated. After their first 13 games, Albion had 24 points and were third in the Falkirk, Dumbarton, Montrose and Al-Endsleigh League First Division. Of the | bion Rovers who will beg us next week next 13, they lost 12, drew one, and won | for similar treatment, we have sadly to none. Their one remaining hope of say: sorry, folks, you're too late.

The film crew found her un-friendly too. She was the only star not to be called by her kindly and supportive leader in this first name on the set on the Miniver Story — the sequel to Mrs Miniver — she was "Miss Garson" to the end of the film. newspaper, such as five years before had rescued Sheffield United from relegation when all looked lost.

Beryl Kemp. 33 Hasluck Gardens, Our comment appeared on December 28. The next match, at Ipswich on New Barnet, Herts EN5 1HS. January 3, was lost - possibly, some supporters suggest, because some of the team are slow readers. Yet since then Shhh the Albion have hardly looked back. Of the subsequent 14 games, they have ONDERFUL news about the mobile-phone-free won seven, drawn five, and lost a mere The statistics of the malaise at the two. Few more potent demonstrations carriage, except that it should be the other way round: if all mobile users were consigned to one carriage, they could it deserves, the Guardian is glad to have been of such service. To all those shout as much as they wished. And perhaps anyone wishing to listen to Walkmanised from Bolton, Watford, Hull, Torquay, heavy drum beats, as well as all those consuming micro-

meals, could join them. (Dr) Marcia Pointon. 21 Clifton Hill. Brighton BN1 3HQ.

funding requirement set by funding requirement set by ignated areas of deprivation. What you did not mention was

G N Booth. 5 Woodstock that the Arts Council of Eng- of this, despite the glaring Knebworth.

tersley's novels, but it would surely be worth looking.

man was fi but Sir Brian agreed to accept the Government has done 250,000. That will not be reviewed until January 1997. Sir Gerald Elliot. He receives no fringe benefits 8 Howe Street. whatsoever and no pension. | Edinburgh EH3 6TD.

The return of the living dead

VOU have unfortunately | Should a National Ethics Y taken out of context my Committee, such as the Nut-comments at a meeting on field Council on Bloethics, be comments at a meeting on set up to deal with the dilem-Sthics and Alternatives in Animal Experimentation in Animal Experimentation in Edinburgh (Professor defends 'living dead' tests, April 6). I did not state that research could take place "... before the relatives took the decision to terminate their lives" (in mas that developments in health-care technology cause? The number of humans leaving their bodies for research would make little difference to the number of animals needed, or to the fact that decision is most unnumber of humans that parlikely ever to be left to the relatives). ticipate in research trials. Nevertheless, such research may still be a very important

The point is that some way of investigating tragedles like "permanent vegetative state" so that in future doc-tors will be able to treat these people may make an advance directive to leave their bodies for research in order to help others and perhaps reduce the use of animals in research. If such altruistic doconditions better, as well as help decide which forms of a research is such an institution do nations are found to be ac-ceptable and the patient's wishes are to be respected, how is the medical profession coma are reversible. It may also help provide information for developing alternatives to animals to deal with these cases? What safeguards and criteria should be in place; would they David B Morton. Department of Biomedical Science and Ethics, be similar to those permitting removal of organs, or the use of foetal tissue in research? Birmingham B15 2TT.

A Country Diary

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: An- ago. I was reminded of these gling is a popular participa- matters by the growing congling is a popular participa-tory sport. In all its various flict between the fishing in-forms, from fly fishing on terest and the bird protection fast-running river water or on still lakes, through coarse interest as the changing hab-lits of the cormorant bring it into conflict with fishermen fishing on a river or canal bank, to sea anging from beach, boat, or rocks it is alleged that the votes in an Bristol docks I was mildly Bristol docks I was mildly alleged that the votes in an-gling add up to more than the votes of those who attend league football matches as spectators. Although I still have a rigged fibre glass sea rod standing in a corner of the garage I have not been an surprised. I was even more surprised by the sight of two of them taking off from the waters of the Gloucester-Sharpness canal. The cormorant, thought of as a sea bird, typically hanging its wings out to dry on a rocky head-land, has been moving inland. active angler for many years. The last fish I caught was a bright orange wrasse - the It is not unprecedented — the lesser black-backed gull has become a most visible resione quite inedible sea fish that can be caught off the rocks at Penberth Cove in dent of the city roofs around Bristol docks and this exam-West Penwith This wrasse was the last of a sequence of them that I had lifted from the sea when I was fishing with the hope of catching the en-tirely edible pollack or gar-fish Instead of which I canoint fish. Instead of which I caught morants are large birds; large birds have large appetites, a series of wrasse. It must have been what turned me off angling because I have not been fishing since and that incident is well over 20 years and the adult cornerant can consume two pounds of fish in a day of easy fishing. COLIN LUCKHURST



Let the chain take the strain

ONY BLAIR and your political correspondent better to recognise and legit imise the control of the execu Blair backs election of maytive by the dominant group in ors, April 10) are both wrong to think that directly-elected mayors are the norm in westthe council (just as in our par would not only respect our traditions but also those of ern Europe. They exist only in parts of Germany. Switzermost of the rest of western

Europe. Richard Batley. School of Public Policy, The norm is in fact one of indirect election where the University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, political executive (mayor, committee of councillors or a combination of both) is ap-pointed by the council. This is Birmingham B15 2TT.

in fact the British system ex-cept that here the real politi-cal executive, the dominant party group, is forbidden by law to take the reins of power. The separation of elections for the error property and As the London boroughs now all have mayors, in-cluding Lambeth — the home of County Hall, emptied by Thatcher but likely to be used again a few months hence. London, or more accurately the City, has a Lord Mayor for the executive (mayor) and legislature (councillors), as Mr Blair seems to suggest, runs all the risks intrinsic to Could it be that an elected top man or woman will be known

the presidential system: per-sonal populism, and obstrucas London-Super-Mayor? Harold Lockwood. (Former mayor of Lambeth), 128 Gibson's Hill.

tive conflict between the exec-

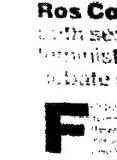
utive and legislature. The Labour Party would do | London SW16 3EY. Surfing with the Scientologists

MATTHEW Norman says (Diary, April 11) that the Church of Scientology hates media attention, yet all the and Chick Corea, Julie Migenes and John Travolta Travolta national media in the UK, in-cluding the Guardian, were performing. Psychlatrists would proba-

given word of the new Global bly claim journalists such as Scientology Information Cen-ter on the World Wide Web. Mr Norman suffer from "cum-pulsive truth abuse disorder" This is one of the most ador some similar malady. I vanced sites on the Internet might start a new media and one of the largest, with a reform group called Citizens' volume of nearly 30,000 pages of information and over 3,000 Rehabilitation and Education specially designed graphics, and is available in English, Concerning Truth (Correct). I will also, of course, send a complaint to TAIM. Rachael Ryerson. Church of Scientology,

French, German. Spanish and Italian. By clicking in to the web site (www.scientology.org) web surfers can also Saint Hill Manor, hear recordings by Sciento East Grinstead, hear recordings by Sciento- East Grinstead, logy founder L Ron Hubbard. West Sussex, RH194JY.

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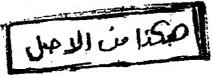
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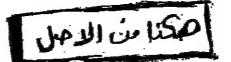
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what they say. If the Scots Nats claim to visualise an Edinburgh sitting alongside

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Diary

Matthew Norman N the eve of his depar-

where he will appear in the guise of "visiting celebrity" Terry Major-Ball is understandably busy when I call. "I'm just off to Croydon," he savs. "to do some last-min ute shopping at Marks and Spencer. They're very good to me there." In Australia, meanwhile, such a media frenzy has developed for Terry that he has been up-graded to a five-star hotel. Many interviews have been Peter Preston arranged, and articles are already appearing: one, in The Age newspaper, de-scribes his book as a master plece, and Terry himself as the "unlikely darling of the smart set". Flattered as he is, this intensity of media at-tention does have its drawbacks. "Do you know, yes terday morning I cooked five lots of toest," he tells me. "I did the first one at 9.30am, and the phone rang — a journalist from Austra-lia, a very nice fellow — and

when I'd finished it was cold. So I made another, and the same thing happened." Terry parses for reflection. "In the end," he goes on. "I threw the toast to the birds, and made myself a turkey sandwich." Upon this culi-nary note, I wish him fare-well, and God speed.

AM intrigued to note that Jancis Robinson's Wine Course has made it on to the shortlist for the hotly contested TV-show category in the Glenfiddich Awards. We wish it well when the judges (who include Allan nan, director of ... Sainsbury's off-licence oper ation) meet next week to

POISONOUS attack is Made upon my friend Taki-George in Vanity Fair. Christopher Hitchens begins his piece on plagtarism by relating how once he was reading the Spectator on a plane. "Taki-George Theri-diculous," he writes, "had written one of his High-Ball cocktail columns . . . It was a spirited piece, made no less so by my growing conviction that I had read it before." Good grief. Mr Hitchens made allegations involving another article on the subject (gays in New York, of whom T-G is a great sup-porter) which had appeared in the New York Post under the byline of Norman Podhoretz. This accosation is vile and I look forward to reporting the libel action shortly. Perhaps we should not be surprised at Mr Hi chens's journalistic tactis for they run in the famils

Money talks with a local accent

racy a mars couple of decades old. It pushed Mr González (the true inventor of abodyne socialism) from power at last. It switched in conservative determined privatisation, of Commentary rule after a fifth of a century spent recovering from Franco. That sounds pretty important. Upheaval and a radical progress in a country with close British ties, a nation Blair will need to do business with throughout his Downing Street years.

MILE please! There is Trony Blair in Amar-ica, grinning away with the high and the mighty: a world statesperson-ette poised for glory. Did any-body on Wednesday morning, though, notice that same fixed grin as be changed Downing Street years. Alas, nothing doing. Liter-ally nothing. José Maria Az-nar, the modest Major-clone with the weird toothbrush moustache, may have won in March: but not by enough. Stain work how a meeting Spain won't have a meaning-ful government until the end of April. Spain is impaled on the regional book. And here's lixed, grin as be changed planes at Madrid Airport (en route from a break in Seville) and fitted in 40 minutes with Felipe González? It was not exactly a lead for the 9 o'clock where Tony Blair really ought to be sitting up and tak-ing notice without a smile in made, since you ask, a The first commandment,

of made, since you ask, a downage photo opportunity (doble columns only) in the Spatish nationals. Socialist leaser of future chats with socialist leader of past. The spin doctors must have been on holiday too. Scambled priorities. In a rational world, the world which Mr Blair booes shortly the hardest pledge of New Labour in office, is Scottish devolution (with a lukewarm Welsh version as second round). Labour frontbenchers challeneed about that choice occasionally talk of Catalonis. There is, they say, no reason to be frightened. The Scots, like the Catalans, will settle which Mr Blair hopes shortly to bistride, he'd be vacation-ing n Washington and doing serious political business in peacefully for a halfway house of prosperous super-regionalism without proper nationhood. That is the mod-

serios political business in and around Madrid, Barce-loni and Bilbao. For this is where the lessons lie, Sain's general election — by ar the most important in Europe this year — happened on March 31. It tested democern European way. Mr Blair should ask Mr Az-nar. He wound up a score of its regional separatists into seats short of a majority when tame and tigerish. The tigers the polls closed. He has been are the handful of bombers; hung out to dry ever since. | and therefore dangerous. The

Copenhagen in the councils of Europe, then they must mean it. Such nationalism seemingly ploughs a straight line to independence. If that happens Labour quavers: our ma-jority at Westminsiter has gone forever. This is not, by Spanish standards, even A-level thinkresolute toughness with nationalist terrorism, has been turned into a faeble figure of fun. Now he deeply respects the Catalans and the Basques; ing. My (currently quite nu-merous) Basque friends recoil

merous) is a sque in ends recoil in horror at any sort of Basque independence. They do not speak the language: very few of them begin to understand it, and Basque anyway is a scatter of thick local dialects which means he loves the Catalan language as one of the most beautiful in Rurope; he even speaks it pri-vately for pleasure at dinner tables with intimate friends. Meanwhile Jordi Pujol (and

his Basque oppo Zabler Arzal-hus) are naking hay. They command only 21 seats be-tween them, with a couple of

Canary Island separatists tossed in to make up the num-bers. But they are the differ-

ance between an Aznar gov-ernment and nothingness. Of

course, absolutely of course, there will be a deal in the end.

For the most, however, the list of demands is never and-

ing. Not Braveheart stuff. It wants regional control of

regional ports (with import duties attached) and regional boards to run regional air-

ports. It wants the Ministry of Labour dismembered. Far

from putting a cap on social spending, it wants the bene-fits' pot of pesetas divvied up for Barcelona and Bilbao to

spend as they think fit. This week Pujel is asking Amar to

let him see a draft budget, for

A wonderful, lucrative game is afoot: no principles and no ideology necessary

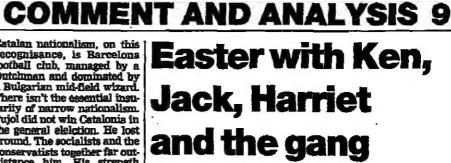
the villager from over the hill is often incomprehensible to the valley the other side. Na-tionalism (except for the mad-men of ETA) is not a burning torch: it is a hat stand to hang demands on. Catalonia is more serious

than that. There's a stirring culture and a real pride. Newspapers and magazines and television channels can be Catalan and make a living. But independence? Real inde-pendence? Jordi Pujol is not into that. The TV stations he founded and funds bring you Neighbours and soccer wall-

tame types are the hallot-box travellers, the constitutional roaders. They are, in theory, infinitely to be preferred. But their bulging briefcases. The British assumption (also the British assumption) is that na-tionalist politicians meant larity of narrow nationalism. Pujol did not win Catalonia in the general election. He lost ground. The socialists and the conservatists together far out-distance him. His strength lies in the Generalitat (otherwise the new Scottish Assem-bly with extra historical trapbly win extra historical trap-pings). Whilst be can win there, how can anyone seri-ously challenge his claim to be the voice of Catalonia? Pragmatically, why should anyone even bother? He does not truly strive for Catalan independence. He works to keep the largest amount of money from Spain's richest region at home, nourishing causes that bulwark his cosy autonomy. Beyond that, he rakes in cash

from far poorer regions. Pujol, like Arzalluz, has to **S**MASHING Easter in the country with truly smashing friends, since you asked (not). No, but seri-ously, I schlepped down to spend a very happy Easter with Barbara and Ken Follett in their modert in hearing play the system. Real separat-ism would kill that system stone dead, and derail the gravy train once and for all. Meanwhile, though, a wonderful, lucrative game is with Barbara and Kan Follett in their modest, in-keeping house right in the heart of the beautiful, warm-hearted con-stituency with so much real character which Barbara is set to win with a large major-ity come the next General Election (note to subs: clean forgotien constituency's name, somewhere usly up north. afoot: no principles and no ideology necessary. Last year the Catalans kept the social-ists in Madrid power. This year the right may be ac-corded similar civilities at a

If I were Tony Blair, with more than 40 minutes to spare at Madrid Airport, I would think on these things rather grinly. How would a Scottish Assembly squeeze most money from London? By tamely voting Labour? To ask the question this week from Barcelona is to court deri-sion. Those at the centre who article proper, let me just tell you that Barbara and Ken are doing great things with the house. If II be really nice when they expand it down to the end of the street and round the block immediately following the next election. And the prodevolve power must expect it to be flung back in their faces. Pujol's iron law of monied sprvival. It is not a lofty or a survival it is not a body or a lovely spectacle. It pours cyn-icism from a giant berrel. But you can hear the machinery of brute politics grinding inposed staff block just across the street will be fabulously handy, decorated with a vivid, get-up-and-go colour of the exorably. Sorry you had to go, Tony. Another helping of pa-





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New Labour flared jump-suits clicking their fingers and

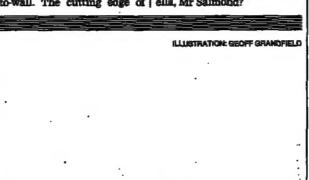
clicking their fingers and mining along as though in perfect harmony." Later, talk came round to Tony, as it always does. "I really like the guy," said Jack. "Yeah, me too," enthused Bar-bara. "I've always found him a really likeable kinda bloke," ventured Ken. "Yeah," said Peter, "thoroughly likeable. And I think he'll make a smashing Prime Minister." "A great Prime Minister." said Harriet. "Our greatest Prime Minister since the war," said Jack. "This cen-tury," chipped in Barbara. "Ever," I added. And at that point I sensed everyone knew I had won the discussion. As I went to sleep that Easter Sat-urday, I wondered if Tony which to shape that Laster Sat-urday, I wondered if Tony knew just how loyal we all were to him, and whether he realised that I, Bel Littlejohn,

was the loyalest of them all. Easter Sunday, and we all leapt on the Sunday rags. Frankly, the first thing I al-ways read is the likes of Walsomewhere ugly up north, might begin with "S" or possi-bly "P", pls look up and insert, thanx guys, Bei). Before I move on to the

lace Arnold to see what the other side is thinking, then I turn to the "Peregrine Worsthorne" column in The Sunday Torygraph, though my spies tell ne he's a made-up character. It was while I was looking for this column in the Torygraph that I noticed the headline — "Why I am a Christian by Tony Blair"

I yelped with delight. The others came rushing to my side and read it over my shoulders, the smell of Jack's Brut for Men wafting seductively into my face. "Im off to church." Peter Mandelson an-nounced. "Anyone know

staff's own choice --- demo-cratically chosen by secret ballot from a short-list of at-tractive light pinks drawn up by Barbara herself. Fellow snug Easter bunnies in the Follett nest were the whether the very best seats are still available?" "I always go to church at Easter," said Harriet. "Me too!" added Jack. "And much-maligned Peter Mandelson (give him a break, guys), my old chum Jack Straw plus ace slide guitar, and the lovely Harriet Harman. On the Satat Christmas!" "I go at New Year and Bank Holidays, plus Guy Fawkes' Day, weather permitting," urday, we put on our oldest clothes just to mosey around said Ken. "I'm training to be a deacon in Tony's regular church in Lalington." I informed them. the constituency, setting to know the lovely warm people of S-... Come hunchtime, we bought some smashing ready-cooked fish and chips from a real fish-and-chip shop in the Silence ensued, and they all pursed their lips, busily thinking Christian thoughts. It was Peter who broke the middle of the market, shoving on great wads of vinegar and salt and ketchup. We managed to est quite a few mouthfuls in silence. "As always, Tony's so right," he said. "I mean, it wasn't at all easy for Pontius front of appreciative constitu-front of appreciative constitu-ents before schlepping back to Barbara's for a fabulous lunch of olive, bacon and endive salad followed by Peasant Chicken with Sundried Toma-tase from Ruthin Poarst from Ruthie Ro rterm economic River Café Cook Book, social stability. Pontius was Saturday night was really great, with Jack strumming determined not to alienate the homeowners, and Judas strongly believed in promotlong to some old King Crimson faves and Harriet singing Id Like To Teach The World To Sing (In Perfect Harmony) ing greater understanding among Christians with a modest amount of capital to invest in memory of her days in the New Seekers. Pete had never in their future prosperity." Nuff said. In New Labour, heard the song before — he was heavily into The King's Singers at the time — but he was sure Tony would think it just right for the New Labour we're all very, very Christian these days, and we don't care who knows it, just as long as Tony does. And Peter Mandelson's brave new book. The Pontius Revolution: Why New theme tune at the election. "Tony in the middle, singing his heart out, and Cookie and Prescott on either side in their next Easter. Praise the Lord!



to-wall. The cutting edge of

ella, Mr Salmond?

his brother Peter, chief Cherie Blair-hunter at is Express, recently tried at failed to deceive You, Te Jury over the beard herore as a student.

PEAKING of incon-Sracy - and clos stu-dents of today actters page will notice raises its Gorgon far yet again -- I was discusing the matter with an old fiend who dropped in forunch only yesterday, an we agreed that gener stan-dards are shockin I therefore feel compelle to report myself to TAIM infollymyself to TAIM infolly-wood for the thirtime in three days; this ine, it's for the wildly incorict report here that Ann Widecombe intended to spen Easter on a "shagfest" Cly 18-50 jaunt to Corfu. Ar from it, the old girl wasisiting nicks — with sth energy, indeed, that sbclocked up her 50th prisovisit yester-day. Miss Widcombe — who is believe to be mod-elled on the Lay White-adder charact played by adder charact played by Miriam Margyles in Blackadder botched up the balf-centry at Lancaster Fields your offenders' institution. Is remove our beadwear, at throw it aloft.

N openg into show-busines is an-nound in The Stage, "Carou drink milk through yor nose? Does your dog ti dance?" asks the advertif you can sing, the advertif you can sing, dance or pform a novelty act, Live T' (did you guess it?) "can the you fam-ous." Whiche show will be like whetelvin McKen-zie's finised with it, who can say? It if you want to become sousehold name in the 11 buseholds that motch thMirror Group's watch thMirror Group's splendicable channel, the number 0171 298 3900. Any rear who cares to report the experience will be warded with some of the lat fine wines avail-able to manity.



Make the father figure

The time has come, asserts Ros Coward, for liberals of both sexes to risk the wrath of feminists by joining in a positive debate on the role of the father

EMINISTS may not illes Need Fathers meetings agree about much suggest they would be more these days. But one aptly named Families Need subject is guaran-Therapists. But just because they may be paramoid doesn't mean that feminists aren't out teed to revive the old alliances, the importance of fa-therhood. Most feminists still to get them. Some time ago feminists stopped talking think this subject is taboo, and raising it an act of treason. Yet keeping the gag on will be increasingly difficult. Cur-rently a stream of books about fatherhood is flowing across about getting men to care and share more and started wou-

dering, as Yvonne Roberts put it in a She article, "exactly what, in the 90s, is a father for?". Now there's scarcely a leading faminist who basn't added her own thoughts about fatherbood is flowing across file Atlantic and at the end of this month we will get the first UK conference on the subject. The media are already pounc-ing on some of the promised fitemese, paternal "role strain" attracting early attention. The IPPR, organisers of the conference (in Westminster on Auril 30), are probably embold.

mothers." Sue Slipman, then director of the National Coun-cli for One-Parent Families, was even more contamptious April 30), are probably emboldened, not just because mascu-limity is now a more fashionable subject but also because was even more contempliatus when she replied to the com-plaint by rightwing theorist Charles Murray that the in-crease in single motherhood has cast men loose as uncivi-lised rabble: "He cannot er-plain why any woman in her right mind should want to take one of his 'new rabble' home." fathers have recently been much more aggressive in much more aggressive in' standing up to feminism. In the UK the fathers' lobby, in-cluding groups like Families Need Fathers, have become much more organised, and vi-tuperative, around divorce-law reforms. The journal Male View bitterly describes no-fault divorces as pandering to the faminist lobby by allowing "the wife to off-load har legally defenceless hushand, but keep his home, money and children one of his 'new rabble' home." Suzanne Moore has also joined in, stating: "It remains unclear what fathers do that is so important." The defensive tone is not surprising, Social theorists of

his home, money and children whenever she fancies a lifeall political persuasions have blamed fatherless families (le style change". This sounds like the parasingle mothers) for the social disintegration of the 30s. John Redwood, Peter Lifley, and nois of a few bitter individuals disintegration of the 30s. John blaming feminism for the loss Redwood, Peter Lifley, and of their actual families. And more recently John Bowis in of their schus) families. And more recently John Bowis in egalitarian family emphasis-thoritarian family but argued certainly reports from Families in the adoption discussions, all ing equal partners and the that children from families in

ymous with crime and mane-quacy. Even a pamphlet from the Institute of Sconomic Af-fairs warned Labour support-ters of the problems of "Fam-ilies without Fathers". In America such views are com-monplace. Robert Bly's new book Sibling Society explains escalating violence and gangs as initiation rites of boys desas initiation rules of boys des-perately lacking a paternal anthority figure, Another, Life Without Father, published this week, lists "compelling evi-dence" that fatherhood is in-dispensable for the good of hild be au-thoritarianism inherent in the provider-role have under-mined the breadwinner role. Fathering has changed, but no new ideals have emerged to hild be au-thoritarianism inherent in the provider-role have under-mined the breadwinner role.

children and society. The right have had a major success in their attack on single mothers as the root of all social evils. But faminists When a relationship is working well the gains of greater intimacy far outweigh the losses and few men stop to often get bogged down in their response. Sometimes they rightly insist that social unrest has other causes. Sometimes question what paternal iden-tity should be. Most have evolved new roles without looking for labels. But when they challenge the centrality attributed to feminism in causrelationships break down some men realise they have attributed to tenthism in caus-ing these family changes. It was the men who left the women. But mostly they ac-cuse anyone who wants to dis-cuse fathering as suffering from nostalgia for the patriar-chal authoritarian family. Men played a marginal role, a walk-on part to the central drama. Women may have been working but few have given up their central role with the child or fully dele-gated, primary care of their who value egalitarian sexual children to their partners.

relationships shy away from discussing the positive role of the father in case they under-ATHERS suddenly find, themselves mine single nothers. This be comes part of a damaging cycle. If men feel they have no without any auto-matic role and seeking a language to role other than to support the greater bond of mother and children, no wonder it is so embody what has been positive, and what they want to protect, in their relationship easy for them to leave. with their children. The only There have been real losses

one or two profeminist men have risked discussing for fathers in the contempo-rary family and to say so does not involve harking back to what fathers bring to the fam-ily. Sebastian Kraamer, a psy-chotherapist, addressed a Deoutdated ideas of the father's role. Fathering has changed fundamentally in the past 30 years. The first change hap-pened in the 60s, with the emergence of the modern mos seminar on fatherhood last year. He made it clear he had no nostalgia for the an-

make fatherless families syon- | welfare of children. But even | which the parents have sepa-ymous with crime and inade-that model still assumed the quacy. Even a pamphlet from | father would provide for the | child mental-health climics. He father would provide for the family, gaining a certain moral authority and status as went on to cite evidence that children of fathers who share a result. So long as he pro-vided for his family he could more than 40 per cent of their care "demonstrate more cogcall himself a good father, however little he involved nitive competence, increased empathy, less sex-stereotyped beliefs and a more internal himself emotionally. More recently, increased economic uncertainty for men and locus of control". With two parents involved, children also experience a greater richness of caretaking, and a greater depth of understand-ing relationships, being exposed to the full complexity of an adult relationship. take account of those changes. Another psychotherapist,

Andrew Samuels, goes even further. An active and physically affectionate father can make many positive contributions. He can bring to a son a feeling of "homosociality", an ability to relate to other men affectionately and communally, as women often relate. A father's affection for his daughter can also break up an identification with motherhood, introducing other sources of identification, Radically, he talks about the affir-mation which a father can give to his daughter as an

evolving sexual being. Samuels feels compelled to entitle his paper on this subject "The good-enough father of either sex", understandably reluctant to draw feminist wrath by suggesting that only biological man could play the roles. Yet the time has surely passed for this tentativeness, this reluctance to unleash feminist contempt. The femi-nist resistance to any discussion of fatherhood has been defensive, and sometimes downright offensive when it shades into virgin-birth fantasies about the total redun dancy of men. And by making it taboo for liberals to evolve a positive discourse a vacuum has been created for rightwing misoevnists.

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10 OBITUARIES

David Kelsey

The charming chameleon

last fast exit aged 63, could have been a famous actor if his boredom threshold had stretched beyond a three-week run. Instead he focused (in three-year bursts) as a campaigning director who took over ailing regional theatres and saved them from closure before moving on to the next. More of that later.

Kelsey was a maverick. At times he was inspirational and there are countless actors, a minor Who's Who of theatreland, who worshipped him as a Svengali. He was also a fantasist and a compulsive liar of such charm and conviction that his close friends took most of anything he said with a pinch of salt. At one time or another, he infuriated everyone. But mostly he was forgiven because if Keisey preferred to enlarge or alter the details of events, it was only out of his creative need to fiddle with the plot.

I first met him 20 years ago when he came to the old Castle Theatre in Farnham to direct Sonia Dresdel in his own new play, Game For Two Or More Players. It was a dire piece. Like most of his outpourings (he wrote all his life on a manual machine and never cut a word), it was unstructured and self-indulgent with flashes of brilliance obscured in the fog. But Kelsey brought new life into that cosy little Surrey theatre. He walked in the door and had the entire staff running about and worshipping at his feet. He was a very funny man and

a great raconteur. Within this creative mayhem, he conjured up on me one of his leeendary crushes: a week of mawkish fawning and attempted seduction-by-language that stopped only following year he took over as

AVID KELSEY, when he was told forcefully to artistic director at the Royal hit the stage — possibly be-who has made his get real. But unlike most Northampton, another the cause they had trouble with last fast exit aged spurned lovers, Kelsey easily are on the verge of collapse. the storyline and Kelsey perbecame a close friend. And closed the place down by de-clding to be the first regional theatre to do Kennedy's Chil-dren in the main house and most of those closest to him went through the same process where his wild romantic fantasies were converted and adapted to the real world from which he often strayed. filing a disastrous box-office return of 14 per cent. But already, Kelsey's knack for kicking life into dying

He was born in Hull in 1932 and, according to his unpub-lished memoirs, started out as a call boy at 16 years old. We theatres was taking shape: and part of that knack inknow for a fact that he acted in weekly rep at Oldham and Cheltenham in the fifties — because his old friend Frank he'd gone into temporary crush mode over Nick Allott, Middlemass would testify on oath. We also know from then a young ASM, now the famous international prophotographs and revues that he toured the world with Harold Lang's innovatory Voyage Theatre Company: and that he always remembered Lang Allott to Northampton as gen-eral manager and together they carefully and sometimes as his artistic mentor. It was Lang who gave Kelsey the directing bug. He remained an actor dangerously brought the theatre back from the brink.

through most of the sixties with lengthy stints at the Bristol Old Vic and Nottingham Playhouse, working with the likes of Frank Hauser, Stuart Burge and John Schle-singer. "Coca" Kelsey, as they called him then, made the rare appearances, gave possi-bly the finest and funniest Dr break into directing in 1968 with an appointment as asso-Rance ever seen. He was a natural fast-thinker, blessed ciate at the Glasgow Citizens. with a wonderfully seductive In the early seventies, he saved the Marlowe Theatre in voice. And the Orton/Kelsey combination brought a Canterbury from threatened closure. A browse through wickedly electric dynamic to this notoriously difficult play. the old programmes tells its own story: James Fox in School For Scandal, Peggy It packed the theatre: house full signs went up for the first time in years; the audience Mount in When We Are Mar-ried; Fenella Fielding in The had come back - and they staved back. Second Mrs Tanqueray; Sonia Within three years it was Dresdel as Arkadina in The Seagull — and, intriguingly, Cleo Laine as Hedda Gabler,

over. Alloti left to work on Cats in London and Kelsey, now bored with Northampher first straight role. He was ton, took up an offer to direct resident director at Liverpool a musical on Broadway. He stayed nine months in the States, was paid huge sums of money, but the show never

Ever the optimist, he nearly suaded some unsuspecting idiot to let him personally so away and rewrite it.

The last 15 years saw a slow decline towards minor alco-holism. Despite this, he never lost his knack for inspiring

people, conjuring up new pro-jects and energising his old friends. He directed a mar-velious *Statemy Todd* in Plyvolved getting a new team together. While directing the mouth and an acrimoniou tour of his own play, Gert and Daisy, with Rosemary Leach and Sylvia Sims. He motisecond and last of his dread-ful plays at the Northcott, vated a West End production of Casabianca, but suffered a humiliating set-back when the powers-that-be manipu-lated him out of the director's ducer of the Cameron Macin-tosh empire. Kelsey brought role and paid him off with a credit of executive producer.

Unbowed, he discovered radio and over the past two years he'd adapted a stream of famous old musicals for the on-going series on BBC Radio 2. At the end, he was on an-

HE TURNING point other "roll", directing a national tour of Bornuan in was a production of Orton's What The Butler Saw in which tandem with a production of I Have Been Here Before. When I last saw him, at Johnnie Kelsey, in one of his Heawood's funeral just before Christmas, he'd reinvented himself yet again, drinking orange juice and in superb form. He leaves behind him no mortgage because he never had one; no estate to speak of, no grieving lover; and, in cold truth, no history of top-class work. Just a throng of we theatricals who will remember a great actor reluctant to tread the boards — and a charming chameleon of a man who, on his day, could persuade pigs they could fly.

> David Kelsey, actor and director born June 16, 1932; died April





The Guardian Friday April 12 16

Letters

Norman Bailey terites: In yc obituary of Sir Charles Oatl (April 4) you mention the Scanning Electron Micr scope (SEM) without refe ring to what I believe to hav been its original use, the examination of metals. The Welding Institute near Cam bridge obtained an instrument for this purpose in the late 1960s and used it very effectively in solving, by 1971, the problem of lameliar tearing which had plagued at-tempts to weld the high strength steels, then newly introduced for the manufacture of submarines. This was well before the mid-1970s

up until then, high power microscopic examination of metals had been hampered by the need to replicate the metal surface or to produce very thin metal specimens which may, in itself, have altered their fine structure; both operations were timeconsuming and expensive. The SEM was originally used to examine rough fracture surfaces without any preparation, other than cleaning off dirt and oil, at magnifications from x10 to x40 000. The SEM was later used to study the microstructures of specimens polished and etched in the normal way, although at mag-nifications not quite as high as was achievable in the ransmission electron microscope. A few months after the SEM had been bought, transmission microscopes at the Institute were virtually relegated to the broom cupboard

Miss N B Harvey writes: A footnote to your obituary of Greer Garson (Obituary, April 8). In about 1935. another sixth-former and I were given the pleasurable task in our lunch hour of despatching a telegram of good wishes to Greer Garson. It was to a London theatre and was from our mutual Latin mistress. She had been, for a time at least, a pupil of East Horn Grammar School.

J Orchard writes: As well as ber other talents, Greer Garson had a first-class honours degree in mathematics. I was told this many years ago by a contemporary of hers at Queen Mary's College, London.

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Peter Nailor

For the public good

of his career as a professor teaching politics, history and international relations, but

ROFESSOR PETER navy, and Nailor's North Studies at Lancaster Univer-Nailor, who has died at American contacts, combined sity. He took to the academic the age of 67, spent most with his personal charm, life straight away with both style and enthusiasm, helped to ease the way for full cooperation. remaining happily at Lancas But, as it turned out, his ter for eight years, for the last its foundation was laid in his practical experience of ad-ministration in the Admi-had spent 17 years. After leav-and International Relations. In 1977, he returned to the ment of the unified Ministration to the the administration in the foundation was head of the Department of Politics and International Relations. the Department of Politics

College, Greenwich, Here he presided with authority over the further development of the academic content of the Royal Naval staff course and established a reputation for teaching well and with wit, for generous hospitality, and for his personal kindness to

colleagues in difficulty. On retirement from the Naval College in 1963, he was delighted to accept the parttime post of Provost of Gresham College, where he renewed his links with the Mercers' company, reviving memories of his school years. o take appointment tailor-made for quarter-centenary celebra tions at the time of his death him - the post of Professor of History and International **Professor Nailor's aca** Affairs at the Royal Nava demic influence was con veyed chiefly through his teaching; but, although never prolific, he was also a good writer in the somewhat bleak field of the nuclear deterrent and of the external role of the Soviet Union during the Cold War. It was, however, the man himself whom countless friends will remember. From his early days as a civil ser vant, he displayed a genial, somewhat courtly, personal-ity. He combined a capacity for getting things done, and for firmness when required, with an agreeable sense of humour, which prevented him taking either the world or himself too seriously. His infectious gift for enjoyment was balanced by a con-viction that life was not only for living, but for living for good purpose. He liked to quote St Thomas Aquinas: "Never be entirely idle; but either be reading, or writing, or praying, or meditating, or lesvouring something for the public good." It is a per-sonal epitaph of which he would approve.

Stuart Ken 4, 1998

ent of the of Defence.

Peter Nailor was educated at the Mercers' School, and took a first-class honours degree in history at Wadham College, Oxford, before enter-ing the Civil Service as an Assistant Principal in 1952. Appointed to the Admiralty, his intellectual ability and administrative talents quickly enabled him to make his mark, notably in the key junior post of Private Secre-tary to the Secretary of the Admiralty, Sir John Lang.

When the government had decided, in 1962, that the submarine-based Polaris system should be the basis of the **UK strategic deterrent**, Nailor was selected as a member of the hand-picked staff for the special Polaris executive which was established in the Admiralty. Here he stayed for five exacting years, a period of intense effort devoted to design, construction, procure-ment, support facilities and training, all programme meet an in-service date for the Polaris force of 1969.

Nailor was closely engaged in the creation, monitoring and administration of this complex project, involving a wide range of naval and civilian personnel as well as contractors and other government agencies. There was, in



Space limit

"AND WHEREAS 45 per cen of American astronauts cannot fit in Soyuz, all but the tallest 5 per cent of the popu-lation will fit inside the X-CRV..." But why should astronauts be large? Largerthan-average people not only take up more space, they consume more air, food, water and energy, and need more fuel to lift them off the Earth. It would therefore make sense for space acencies to choose smaller-than-average people for their programmes. Going further, why should astronauts be physically perfect specimens? Legs make up a large percentage of body

spendir rears as naval service branch head dealing with long-range strategic planning, Nailor accepted the appointment of Professor of Strategic

mass and are mostly useless

encumbrances in space. The ideal astronaut would prob-

ably therefore be legless as

Val Dobson of Preston stands

up for shortles in a letter to the New Scientist.

Mad solutions

Association today announced that it has offered to send its

entire 3.3 million member-ship over to England to assist with its massive cow-culling

effort, NRA executive Wayne

LaPierre said that if Britain

did not have such stringent

sun-control laws, "they'd have been able to nip this

problem at the start". He

called on Congress to imme diately repeal the ban on

some types of assault rifle.

including the .50-calibre Elsie

Eliminator, so the member-

ship can "do the job right".

LUIS ALFONSO Maquilon

Amaya, a head trafficker for the Cali cocaine cartel, is

reportedly trying to buy up all 4.7 million mad British

cows on the black market.

THE NATIONAL Rifle

well as small.



According to sources here.

the plan is to stuff the cows full of cocaine and ship them

mally we have big problems

with customs when the bags break inside and the animal

make a big scene," a source said. "But a raca loca

isn't bothered too much by even a couple of kilos in

ENTERTAINER Michael

Jackson and Saudi Prince Al Waleed Bin Talal announced

today that they will create a theme-park home for all Brit-

ish cows afflicted with mad-

forelock as he spoke at the

press conference in a barely

audible whisper, the singer would not provide details of

the amusement park or ven-

ture to explain why people would pay to be with millions of mad cows other than to say

CHINA announced today that

it plans to conduct "amphibi-ous mad-cow exercises" in the

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Taiwan Strait. Secretary of

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to the United States. "Nor-

Patrick Naime Peter Nalior, civil servant and historian, born December 16 1928; died April 5, 1996

varned China's leadership

that the US viewed the devel-opments "seriously".

actresses has called on Prime Minister John Major to "stop

the slaughter" of British mad cows and "do something posi-tive instead, like vaccinate

"We feel the government

hasn't done enough," said Liam Neeson. Neeson said he

has felt sympathetic toward

British cows ever since the

filming of the movie Rob Roy, in which he escaped from

oldiers by hiding inside the

carcass of a large, decom-posing Hereford, The group,

Creativity United to Denounce Slaughter (CUDS),

Christopher Buckley goes mad cour mad in the Shouts and

Murmurs section of the New

plans to distribute lapel

dders with ribbons.

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them or whatever".

work properly, he used the In-ternet to get hold of informaof this it was very easy to overlook or forget David's own multiple disabilities Apart from raising a great deal of money for individual disabled people to get adapted cars and vans, he was also one of the leading experts in the country on mobility and disability matters.

ability campaigners. Because

His undoubted expertise temmed from his own strugdes to get others to recognis that he, like many other disabled people, did not want to be viewed as an object of pity or charity, but rather as a person who simply wanted the tools to help him live his life as he wanted. He be

increasingly angry about the unnecessary obstacles put in his way, but turned that into a flerce energy and sense of social justice to work with and help other disabled and new other disabled people across the country. Like many other disabled people, David had to do what was really a full-time job working as a "volunteer" without the status usually accorded to leading campaigners who have a paid po-sition in an organisation. But even so his work was known and valued by individual disabled people, national chari-ties, MPs and members of the House of Lords.

are spinning around in her head. On the verge of tears, she hesitates next to the

switch for the sunbed. Then

she looks at the mini-dress

she's planning to wear this evening. It's no good, she has

to be brown. As if in a trance, she strips and clambers on to the bed. "Just one more go won't hurt," she thinks.

"I'll definitely stop tomor-row." But that's what she says

sunbed user: she's one of an

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tion from the US about how to overcome the problem, and lobbied the British manufacturer to incorporate the necessary changes - for himself and others. Similarly, he found out about American disabled people, and pushed the British charity, Motability, to offer them to people here. Among other things, David became a leading expo-

cabinet-maker in Clerken well. He eventually gave this up when his eyesight started to fail, because of childhood diabetes and progressive renal failure. David was also nent of the opportunities afforded by new technologies a water diviner, which he learned from his father who

drilled for water in Spain. His constant enthusiasm will be badly missed, as will his wicked sense of humour David did not take kindly to the pompous and self-righteous. Nor was his enthu-siasm confined to his work. He was an avid opera-goes and had a keen and informed interest in classical music the ballet and modern dance he was also a connoisseur of powerful rum. David will be deeply missed by his wife, Alysoun, his family, friends, and by so many people whose lives he helped to change.

Nike George and Linda Lennard

David Whitton, campaigner, born May 7, 1951; died April 4, 1996

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Lippy folk THANK GOODNESS I found you! I thought I was alone, a freak in a work! of people without need of balm. Here is my story: My name is Andrew A and lip balm has

through almost everything. Unfortunately, it's never there when I really need it. Do I really need it? Right now, there are three different kinds of lip balm right here on my computer table. Let me tell you how they came to be here. Last weekend, at 12.30 in the morning. I ran out of lip balm. I cannot be without it, so I got in my car and drove to 7-11 to buy some more. All they had was Chapstick Petroleum Jelly. I purchased it and opened it in the car. I put it on, but quickly became unhappy with the enned to disappear. I ed to drive to a Mobil where I bought some Carmer. It cost a lot, but I needed It. Again, I wasted no time in opening it and putting

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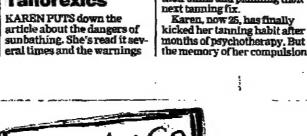
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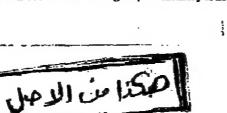
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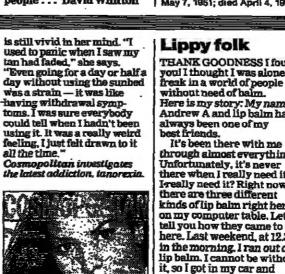
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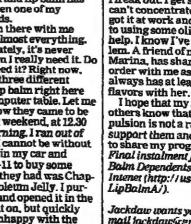
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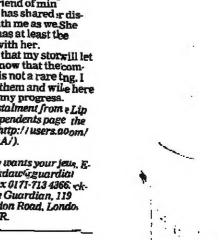




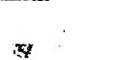




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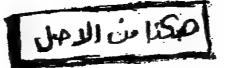
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UBS spurns first suitor

Sarah Whitebloom

NION Bank of Switzerland last night dropped a broad hint that it night consider a mega-takeover as its board. voted unanimously to throw

out a merger approach from banking rival Crédit Suisse. In an unprecedented step in the secretive Swiss banking community, UBS made clear its anger at the manner in which the approach had been made as it issued a public statement last night.

UBS declared that it had been "taken aback" by the in-sistence of CS that the bank should make a formal decision on the merger hefore next week's shareholders' meeting.

In its statement late yesterday, UBS said: "Although a big bank merger could well bring potential benefits in some lines of business, these would far from compensate for the many negative aspects of a merger between UBS and CS Holding."

This was interpreted in the City last night as a clear indi-cation that UBS could now be in the market for a merger narket for a merger group's general meeting on — but definitely not April 16, indicating that this

Crédit Suisse. The news is certain to bring possible suitcould influence the meeting's ors out of the woodwork and the large American institu-In last night's strongly-worded reply. UBS said: "In terms of share performance, tions are likely to be prime candidates.

earnings per share, earnings per employee and sharehold-ers' equity it is clearly ahead of CS Holding." UBS has long nurtured am-bitions to build up its pres-ence in the US and a deal with transatlantic benefits would The statement added that a

be high on any agenda that the group may now have. City sceptics, however, claimed yesterday that UBS might have been trying sim-ply to emphasise — for the benefit of its investors — that merger would "place a great strain on the group's finan-cial and management resources, thereby impairing its current strength"... According to the bank, CS's plan would "hinder the suc-cessful development of the it was exploring all possible avenues in an attempt to an-hance sharebolder value.

UBS group in future". News that the proposed merger has been rejected will be welcomed in the City and in Switzerland. There had The bank is in dispute with one of its shareholders, Martin Ebner, who plans to vote against the appointment of Robert Studer as the new been widespread fears that a deal between the two banks

chairman of the group at the annual meeting next week. In what must be an unprecwould lead to swingeing staff cuts in Zurich and London. The UBS board's decision edented public spat in Swiss banking circles, UBS's state-ment is openly dismissive about the overtures from CS. UBS says that its shock at the not to link up with CS will come as little surprise to the Suropean banking commu-nity, which questioned the logic of a merger and main-tained that the political and nierger suggestion was com-pounded because Crédit regulatory barriers would be impossible to overcome.

Suisse chief Rainer Gut It had been estimated that some 10,000 jobs would have to go in Switzerland for the frequested a decision in merger to make sense



Notebook Swiss bankers

lose their cool





Patrick Donovan

HE Union Bank of Switzerland may have rejected the idea of a merger with Credit Suisse. But the subtext of last night's statement makes it clear that UBS that is very much in the market for a takeover, even though the bank has obvi-ously failen out fairly badly with its putative partner, Until now, UBS, Switzer

land's biggest financial insti-tution, has publicly maintained that growth will be generated either organically or with incremental acquisitions. Instead, UBS was last night saying that a big bank merger "could well bring po-tential benefits in some line of business". But even more extraordi-

nary for such a stuffy busi-ness community is UBS's pub-

lic rebuttal of CS. UBS made quite clear its anger at the unceremonious way that CS tried to push through a merger deal. Ac-cording to UBS, the directors were "taken aback" at CS's insistence that they make a firm decision on the takeover before a scheduled annual meeting. UBS follows this up with claims that such a deal would over-stretch the group's management and flnancial resources.

One can only wonder at the kind of behind-the-scenes row that prompted an organisation such as UBS to make this statement public. It is a quite remarkable statement for such a tight-lipped organisation as a Swiss bank.

any nearer creating the That-cherite dream of building a share-owning democracy. There were 9.5 million small shareholders in the

run-up to sale of the generat-ing companies in March last year. At the end of the year, the figure was virtually unchanged, according to latest research from Proshare.

Far from building up wider share ownership, the number of small investors has fallen from its all-time peak of 11 million six years ago. Sir John's statement to Par-

liament yesterilay also man-aged to skate around the thorny subject of whether the Treasury knew in advance that the electricity watchdog was poised to unveil a highly negative price review.

If the Treasury did know, it omitted to say so in the pro-spectus, as shareholders found to their cost when shares fell on the second day's trading.

One would hesitate to say this report is a whitewash. But institutions are hardly going to be impressed by his somewhat limp recommendation that communications should be "improved" between all parties in all future sales involving a regulated industry.

Anyone's BET

AR from the knock-out blow most were expect-ing, Rentokil's renewed bid for BET sounded more like a damp squib. This is turning into a wea

risome war of attrition and few investors appear to be won over by Rentokil's deci-sion to boist its offer by £200 million to £3.1 million. The bidder's shares duly slipped 13p to close at 350p. A this level, the paper offer for BET is worth around 207.5p. compared with the 220p-235p mark which the market seems to have put on the

favours yesterday by declin-

ing to put any figures on the kind of cost savings it expects if the bid succeeds. They

could be substantial, how

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Extra pressure on BET as Rentokil raises bid

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ENTORIL, the rat-catching and business services group, yesterday stepped up the pressure on rival BET, increasing its

However, BBT immediately called on investors to reject I ment.

the higher offer, insisting that Rentokil was "running out of steam", and accused if of try-ing to pay BET shareholders was able to give more detail of Deposited . . . demonstrator is ousted from

shareholders should change the closure of BET's head the management — call in office in Piccadilly, London, Rentokil." "We are talking about tens

company from £1.9 billion to £2.1 billion, and accusing BET of treating its shareholders "like fools". Some City analysts said strategy. Much of the in-result to win control of BET - some 30 per cent is paid for

after it increased the crucial all-cash offer for the company by 23p to 2021/sp - ahead of most expectations. Announcing the increased bid, Rentokil's chief execu-tive, Clive Thompson, said "failed, failed and failed again to get growth" and had ig-nored the company's 40,000 BET's an agement 'had "failed, failed and failed again to get growth" and had ig-nored the company's 40,000 BET's danagement 'had "failed, failed and failed again to get growth" and had ig-nored the company's 40,000 Announcing the increased Civing more details of Reb-tokil's proposals, Mr Thomp-son — nickoamed "Mr 20 per cent" in the City on his re-cord of increasing earnings per share by at least 20 per cent a year for the past 14 years — said there would be a number of tob losses if it woo most expectations.

Rentokil's plans for BET, in with their own money chuding greater use of BST's famous "Initial" brand name, and disclosed that the cost of Chairman Sir Christopher Harding said: "No one is fooled by Rentokil's so-called the bid to date, including underwriting, is \$74 million. - some 30 per cent is paid for with money already promised to our shareholders in the Several analysts and fund managers said last night the final dividend for this year." Giving more details of Ren-

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Rentokil shares closed down 13b at 350p last night, bringing the value of the cash-and-shares offer for BET to 2071/17, against BET's close number of job losses if it won He added: "We say BET BET. Most would come with ing price of 208%p, up %p.

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higher offer should be enough for Rentakil to clinch coutrol. World debt." One said: "I'd be surprised if this wasn't enough — I per-sonally didn't think they even needed to raise the bid."

DISGRUNTLED sharehold-ers, including nine streakers, disrupted Lloyds year with the merger of | by Lloyds and Midland Boy-Lloyds and the TSB. About 30 shareholders staged fibe protest. The strip-pers had various slogans painted on their bodies in-cluding "Expose the Naked TSB's annual meeting yester-day in a protest against the bank's refusal to cancel Third Truth" and "This is my ethi-

The meeting, in Edinburgh, was the first held by the group since it was formed last cal streak - what is yours?" The protest was organised

cott (Lamb), whose spokee-person, Joe Bird, one of the streakers, said the bank had made a £50 million profit from Third World debt in 1995.

A spokesman for Lloyds TSB said the bank would not be changing its policy.

Big Mac essays lamb as it plans passage to India

Protesters bare message for Lloyds TSB

Dan Atkinson

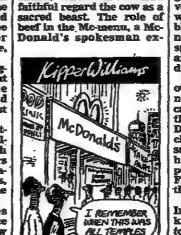
OMBINE the centuries-old cultural mys-terles of India with be death's-head grin of the sinister Ronald McDonald and you end up with the quarter-pound burger ade of 100 per cent pure,

ground ... lamb. In an act of self-abneg-ation worthy of the great eastern religions, the

world's biggest fast-food group is to open its first heaf-free regumention. In 15,000 McDonald's outlets around the world, mil-

lions of customers munch their way through burgers that, whatever their varia-tions — cheese, gerkins, special sauces — have one thing in common: beef.

But in two branches there will not be an ounce of beef in sight. Nor of cow meat. Nor call's liver. Not, in fact, of even the most



ALL TEMPLES

dim and distant member of plained. Would be taken by the ox family. The branches will be in New Delhi and Bombay, two of the biggest cities in tucked into by followers of most of the great religions. Not that the Mc-men are India, where the Hindu

giving up on India's large vegetarian population, for whom there will be vegeta-ble burgers and vegetable nuggets. Dishes are to be spiced up as only the Indians know how, and fish

dishes will be on offer. The Indian travails of an other culinary icon, Colonel Sanders, suggest some caution. In February 1993. the Reuters station in New Delhi reported that Indian chickens had proved too scrawny for the colonel's high standards, forcing postponement of Kentucky Fried Chicken's debut in the sub-continent. Should McDonald's find

Chris Berrie and Simon Bagyis India breeding the wrong kind of sheep, it will have PRESSURE was mounting on Education and Em-ployment Secretary Gillian Shephard last night to safe to turn for supplies to the Home of the Lamburger:

the Falkland Islands.

emerged that a court battle could endanger ministerial plans to streamline the delivhave recommended that the EU block the planned merger ery of advice and services to ousiness in the regions. by Lonrho and Gencor be Four mergers between cause the deal, forming the TRCs and chambers of comworld's biggest platinum promerce have been put on hold by ministers pending the out-come next month of a High ducer, would create two big players - the other being Anglo-American - unlikely Court case. to compete effectively with The case, between Oldham TEC and the Inland Revenue,

The so-member commission is expected to agree with the recommendation at a meeting later this month unless last minute negotiations produce a polution.

Given the extent of the objections raised by the BU offi-cials, there was little scope for the deal to be salvaged, the sources said. Rumours continued to cir-

culate yesterday that Anglo-Meanwhile, sources say American is preparing to in-Brussels competition officials (crease its stake in Lonrho.

It will also continue to whip There were further signs that the market is losing its up takeover speculation throughout an already over-heated banking sector. The enthusiasm for Rentokil shares as the bidder only managed to get its offer staid world of the gnomes of Zurich will never be the same underwritten at a 7 per cen again. discount. For the original bid, the discount was three percentage points higher. Reptokil also did itself no

Power failure

IR John Bourn, head of Sthe National Audit esterday opining that the Government squeezed the maximum proceeds from the 23.6 billion flotation of

two groups' operations in a broad range of areas includ-National Power and Power-Gen. The rest of the conclusions ing cleaning, security, facili-ties management and personin his official report into the power flotation hardly stand nel operations. Obvious divestments would up, however, to careful scrube BET's head office, and very

tiny. First, he tells Parliament that last year's sale was "no-tably successful" in widening probably the bid target's plant services, conferencing and resort management oper and deepening share ownerations. For all that, there is :

ship. To be sure, the float mangrudging admiration at the aged to attract one million refusal by Rentokil chief execnew shareholders. But research has shown that the majority of these individual punters were looking for a quick buck.

guard the status of Training

And even when they hold shares for the longer term, there is still no evidence that the privatisation process is anybody's guess.

Shephard urged to rescue **TECs** from legal morass

> £1.2 billion of government funding for training. If Oldham wins charitable status, activity by a TEC out side its original memoran dum and articles of association would be illegal.

Mergers between chambers and TECs. encouraged by the and Enterprise Councils as it Government to simplify the delivery of business support, would be made impossible because chambers take part in a wide range of services includ-ing trade missions. The case has aroused fears

of an outflow of business people from TEC boards because they would face more onerous personal liabilities as charity trustees.

Stephen Byers, Labour spokesman on training, de-manded that Mrs Shephard will decide whether TECs are charities or businesses. Old-ham wants charitable status intervene to remove "this cloud of uncertainty" over to win tax refunds, but the TEC directors. He said clarifi-court's ruling will apply to all cation was needed of direc-TECs, which administer tors future responsibilities.

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nerger of Lonrho's platinum interests with those of Gen-cor, its South African rival. Ashanti, in which Lourbo holds a 40 per cent stake, said the deal would provide access to further gold production in

rock's Iduapriem mine. West Africa, confirming its position as one of Africa's ading gold miners.

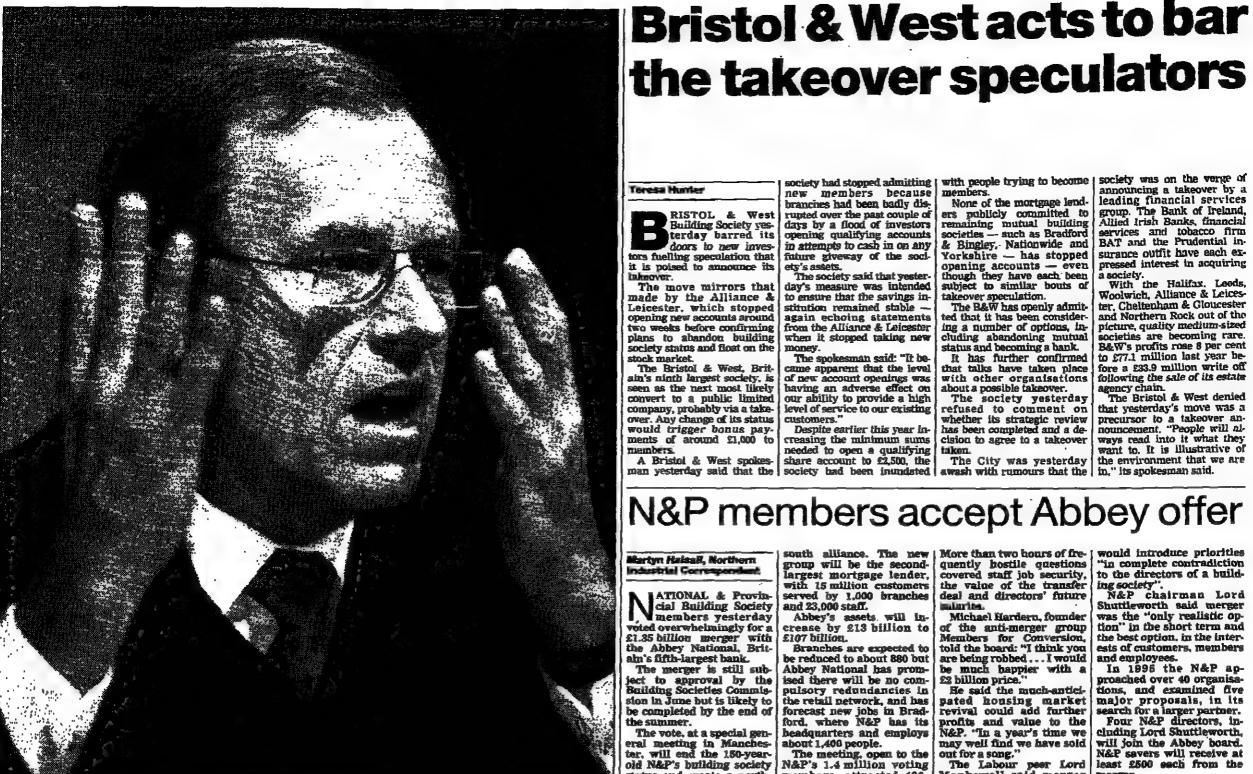
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Ashanti's main gold-mine, Obuasi in Ghana, has been in production for well over 100

years, and is near to Biblani, a mine it hought in the Cana-dian deal, and Golden Sham-

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After the fall . . . Juergen Schrempp will enforce Daimier's new strategy

Anglo-Saxon ethos for Daimler

Outlook/ Ian Traynor in Stuttgart on a business attempting recovery from the worst losses in German corporate history

T HAS been, to borrow a comes the introduction of term from the House of Windsor, an annus horribi-Anglo-American style perfor mance-related bonuses and lis for Daimier-Benz, flagship executive share options. "Shareholder value", not a German industry. Almost common concept in Germany. is the Schrenipp buzzword. DM8 billion (£2.8 billion) losses last year, the worst in the shedding of the Dutch air- first priority," Mr Schrempp craft-builder Fokker, the said. break-up of the AEG industrial group, no dividend getting rid of chronic loss-payout for the first time in 45 makers and embarking on years, and the unceremonious dismissal of Edzard Reu- divisions. down from 35 a ter, the former chairman year ago, have each individ-widely viewed in the fat years ually to post 12 per cent annual returns on capital, at His departure signalled the the very least, and that profitend of the grand Reuter vi- able divisions will not be sion, now seen as illusory, of plundered to bail out the Daimier as an expanding "in- stragglers. tegrated technology busi-N THE surface, that is ness". Under the ruthless stewardship of his successor. good news for Mer-cedes-Benz, the heart Juergen Schrempp, just of the corporation, which has under a year in the job. the new model Daimler is to go remained successful, with back to its roots, "making anything that moves profits last year of more than DM2 billion, while Daimler trains, planes, cars, and trucks". And to turn a profit. suffered its worst year. The first-quarter results are moderately encouraging. De-spite a grim general picture in the German economy. At Daimler Benz's nerve centre in Stuttgart yesterday. Mr Schrenipp outlined a strategy that is to see Daunier blaze a trail away from the Daimler's first-quarter turnover was up 7 per cent on last year, with Mercedes scoring 15 per cent turnover growth traditional German corporate model and take on key features of the Anglo-Saxon busiand disposing of 145,400 passenger cars, a rise of 4 per ness othos. Already the business has abandoned German cent accounting practices and

returns to the black and Mr Schrempp is keen to be shot of at least parts of the Dornier erospace subsidiary. Manfred Gentz, Daimler's finance director, said: "There has to be a solution this year." And that solution must cost less than a billion marks.

Daimler owns 58 per cent of Dornier, but one of the heirs

scheme comes good. It will be of pioneering a cultural revo 1997 at best before the lose-lution in the German busimaking Dasa aerospace arm ness world and to adopt the Anglo-Saxon lingo of returns on equity, shareholder value, and performance-related perks, Mr Schrempp also seems to be abiding by Ger-

man fundamentals. "There will." he said. "be no cuts in research and development investments. None of that will be sacrificed on the altar of short-term profits."

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News in brief

Amec profits fall after Kvaerner bid

AMEC, the construction group, signalled its determination yesteriay to put last year's failed hostile bid from the Norwe-gian shipping group Evaerner in the past, as it unveiled a 30.5 per cent decline in 1995 pre-tax profits. The new chief executive, Poter Mason, said that if the 64.1 million bid defence costs were stripped out, the profits would have equalled the 1994 figure of 520 million. Mr Mason, who has already embarked on a strategic over-

Mr Mason, who has already embarked on a strategic over haul of the company, added that the outlook for 1996 was encouraging and he expected a "significant improvement" in prolits this

The review, due to be finished by September, has already led

to two businesses worth £12.5 million being put up for sale, plus

society had stopped admitting new members because branches had been badly dis

RISTOL & West rupted over the past couple of days by a flood of investors Building Society yes-terday barred its opening qualifying accounts in attempts to cash in on any doors to new inves future giveway of the sociors fuelling speculation that it is poised to appounce its ety's assets. The society said that yester day's measure was intended The move mirrors that

to ensure that the savings inmade by the Alliance & Leicester, which stopped stitution remained stable opening new accounts around again echoing statements two weeks before confirming plans to abandon building from the Alliance & Leicester when it stopped taking new society status and float on the money

The spokesman said: "It be The Bristol & West, Brit-ain's ninth largest society, is came apparent that the level of new account openings was having an adverse effect on our ability to provide a high een as the next most likely convert to a public limited company, probably via a takelevel of service to our existing over. Any change of its status customers. Despite earlier this year in-

would trigger bonus pay-ments of around \$1,000 to creasing the minimum sums needed to open a qualifying A Bristel & West spokes share account to £2,500, the man yesterday said that the society had been inundated

None of the mortgage landers publicly committed to remaining mutual building societies — such as Bradford & Bingley, Nationwide and Yorkshire — has stopped opening accounts — even though they have each been subject to similar bouts of

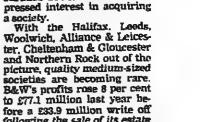
takeover speculation. The B&W has openly admit-ted that it has been consider-ing a number of options, including abandoning mutual status and becoming a bank. It has further confirmed that talks have taken place with other organisations bout a possible takeov

The society yesterday refused to comment on whether its strategic review has been completed and a decision to agree to a takeover taken The City was yesterday

awash with rumours that the

with people trying to become | society was on the verge of announcing a takeover by a leading financial services group. The Bank of Ireland, Allied Irish Banks, financial services and tobacco firm BAT and the Prudential insurance outfit have each exsed interest in acquiring a society

ter, Cheltenham & Gloucester and Northern Rock out of the picture, quality medium-sized societies are becoming rare. B&W's profits rose 8 per cent to £77.1 million last year before a £33.9 million write off following the sale of its estate



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agency chain. The Bristol & West denied that yesterday's move was a precursor to a takeover announcement. "People will al-ways read into it what they want to. It is illustrative of the environment that we are in." its spokesman said.

N&P members accept Abbey offer

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stock market.

ATIONAL & Provin cial Building Society members yesterday roted overwhelmingly for £1.35 billion merger with the Abbey National, Brit-am's fifth-largest bank.

The merger is still subject to approval by the Building Societies Commision in June but is likely to be completed by the end of the summer. The vote, at a special gen-

eral meeting in Manches ter, will end the 150-year old N&P's building society tatus and create a north

south alliance. The new group will be the second-largest mortgage lender, with 15 million customers served by 1,000 branches and 23,000 staff. alurites.

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be reduced to about 880 but Abbey National has prom-ised there will be no com-pulsory redundancies in the retail network, and has forecast new jobs in Brad-ford, where N&P has its eadquarters and employs about 1,400 people.

The meeting, open to the N&P's 1.4 million voting members, attracted 490.

quently bostile questions covered staff job security, the value of the transfer deal and directors' future

Michael Hardern, founder of the anti-merger group Members for Conversion, told the board: "I think you are being robbed... I would be much happier with a 22 billion price." He said the much-anticipated honsing market revival could add further profits and value to the

N&P. "In a year's time we may well find we have sold out for a song."

The Labour peer Lord Monkswell said merger

More than two hours of fre- | would introduce priorities "in complete contradiction to the directors of a building society". N&P chairman Lord

Shuttleworth said merger was the "only realistic op-tion" in the short term and the best option, in the interests of customers, members and employees.

In 1995 the N&P approached over 40 organisa-tions, and examined five major proposals, in its search for a larger partner. Four N&P directors, including Lord Shuttleworth, will join the Abbey board. N&P savers will receive at least £500 such from the



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Martine Dornier-Tiefenthaler, is exercising veto richts He is insisting that, after to prevent a Daimler sell-off and has emerged as one of Mr Schrempp's most vocal critles. As a result, Mr Schrempp rapid restructuring, the 28 has ordered her removal from the Daimier supervisory board All of which could make for

a boisterous AGM. In addition to endorsing Mrs Dor nier-Tiefenthaler's removal the meeting could hear whin

dend for the first time in living memory, and is certain to hear grumbling about the move towards executive share options at a time of jobs cuts, belt-tightening, and minimal pay rises.

prosecutor's investigating Mr Schrempp, Mr Reuter, and others on allegations that they wilfully misled share-holders last year by failing to disclose the scale of the re-cord losses confronting Daimler-Benz. Mr Schrempp yes-terday dismissed the allegations and promised "full cooperation" with the

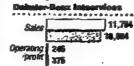
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Fed delays on Fleet THE Federal Reserve has delayed a vote on Fleet Financial Group's proposed takeover of NatWest's American subsidiary for \$3 billion (£2 billion), pending a request for more information on

annual savings of 25 million. - Pouline Springett

branch closures in poor areas. The Fed, which was to have voted on Monday, has yet to set a new date. The postponement follows complaints from Inner City Press, an organisation in New York's Bronz, over Fleet's refusal to disclose its plans for branch closures. Inner City alleged that

when Fleet acquired Shawmut National Corp it harmed poor neighbourhoods in Albany. New York State, with closures it did not disclose beforehand. By delaying a vote, the Fed is signalling its concern about bank

compliance with regulations governing service to low-income and minority groups. Fleet said it was committed to less well-off peighbourhoods, adding that prior disclosure of branch closure was not normal procedure. Fleet expects Fed approval of the NatWest acquisition by May. -- Mark Tran in New York

Vodafone quits manufacture

VODAFONE is pulling out of mobile phone equipment manufac turing to concentrate on its network operations and services. It has sold its 50 per cent stake in Orbitel Mobile Communications to Ericsson, the Swedish telecom group which owns the rest of the Orbitel shares. Orbitel makes GSM digital phones and infrastructure equip

ment for cellular phone networks. It employs 750 people at its manufacturing plant at Carlton-in-Lindrick, Nottinghamshire, and 350 at its beadquarters and design operation in Basingstoke. Jan Edhall, managing director of Ericsson's cellular operations, said no jobs would be lost as a result of the deal.

Orbitel, which last year earned pro-tay profits of 55.8 million of ales of more than £100 million, was set up by Vodafone and Plessey in 1968, and later became a wholly owned Vodafone subsidiary. In 1991, Vodafone sold half of the company to Ericsson for £45 million. — Nicholas Ba

tion for judicial review following an undertaking by Mr Howard not to extradite Mr Akbar pending the court proceedings.

Applying for judicial review of the decision to extradite him. John Hardy, representing Mr Akbar, said that France — to which Mr Akbar had fied in 1998 — had not given consent. Mr Justice

Ognall, adjourning the hearing to May 16, said the French govern

New House of Fraser chief

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\$3.6 billion flotation of the state's 40 per cent stake in National Power and Power-Gen in March last year, an official public spending watchdog warned yesterday. As the Government finalises its preparations for Mon-day's publication of the Railtrack nathfinder prospectus the National Audit Office revealed that 91 per cent of in-stitutional investors in the UK and the US felt their experience of the electricity gen-erators' sale had had "a nega-

tive effect on the likelihood of their participating in a future privatisation". The results, gleaned from a survey of 300 UK and overseas institutions, come as a blow cent of investors felt

to ministers as they prepare for the Railtrack sell-off and July's privatisation of the nucear power industry. Investors were furious last year when electricity shares dived on the announcement dived on the announcement by the regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, of a fresh and unexpected scrutiny of profits in the regional elecricity companies. Professor Littlechild's and the sale deepened and wid-nouncement, made the day ened share ownership.

following the flasco over the and National Power itself which hought some of its own shares in the sale - warned the Government they were contemplating legal action because ministers knew of Professor Littlechild's intentions before the flotation. Ministers areued disclosure of the pending review was not relevant as it did not directly involve generating companies.

The NAO report noted confirmation from the Stock Ex-change that "the sale had led to widespread and lingering concerns in the market". The result was that state sell-offs involving a regulated indus-try could come under much

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In the survey, nearly 80 per cent of investors felt their perception of the regulatory regime had changed as a result of the episode and that this would affect their willingness to support state sales. However, the NAO praised prices were not artificially depressed by market makers ahead of the flotation and that

Foul play as Barings Bankrupts fail to net win against City police

Diam Athdreson

WO of the City's most venerable institutions its police force and Barings bank - clashed on the netball field yesterday, but this, apparently, was a fixture that failed to live up to the finest traditions of British sportsmanship. In what could have been a scene from Blue Murder at St ture, Trinian's, the very real prospect of violence bein the two sides, along with foul language and accusations of bias against

the umpire, forced the abandonment of the game. As the dust settled, different accounts emerged from sources on each sides; one at Barings suggested this was a "friendly" match that had run a little short of time.

room and the police can-teen. With the bad atmo-The company, recovering from the reckless gambles of Nick Leeson, was not sphere escalating rapidly towards punch-up levels, the half-hour game was anxious to admit to any more rogue players. But talk close to the police team abandoned. No doubt Barings' new

onists' minds, The game of shame took | tricity.

place at lunchtime in Paternoster Square, the cement eyesore immediately north of St Paul's Cathedral. Its outcome would con-firm the worst fears of the

Prince of Wales, a fervent advocate of human-scale redevelopment of the area. concerning the brutalising effects of modern architec-

Seven men and women from the City force faced a mixed team from Barings Securities, nicknamed the Barings Bankrupts in a witty reference to the bank's near-£1 billion collapse in early 1995. With the constabulary in

the lead, the Bankrupts made voluble accusations of bias against the referee. Soon the cathedral precincts were ringing to the language of the dealing

suggested friendship was the last thing on the protag-Dutch owners will brush off the incident as another example of British eccen-

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THE troubled House of Praser retail group has appointed John Coleman, former managing director of Texas Homecare, as its new chief executive. Mr Coleman replaces Andrew Jennings, who was ousted last month. CASH and Carry group Nurdin & Peacock yesterday unvelled a

near 30 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for 1995 at £21.45 million and pledged to expand despite difficult trading conditions. The com-pany has been the subject of takeover speculation but chief executive David Stowns said it was not in talks with either of the hot tips — Booker or SHV. Instead, Nurdin & Peacock announced the £400,000 acquisition

of Thompson Wholesale Foods. -- Pauline Springett

very large part of it. As the party has progressively ditched Keynesian demand management, its place was supposed to have been taken by Gordon Brown's "supplyside socialism": the idea that only through massive investment in training, mfrastruc ture and technology could Britain compete in a global-

ised economy. The need for a skills revolution to attract mobile capital and equip workers for continyous economic change has if anything become more centrai to Labour policy since Tony Blair took over. Party documents hammer away at the urgency of the task at hand, with Britain ranked 40th out of 48 countries in its "motivation to retrain" and seven million workers having | would get tax relief on their no qualifications.

Since Labour's plans for inwork training were published reallocating Training and tor-general. Adair Turner. last month, however, confirm-ing its abandonment of a com- Two further elements of from the failed solutions of

WHATEVER else is at pulsory training levy, back-the heart of New stage discontent has grown. There are two main build-training ought to occupy a blocks in the plans. On dustry and a £150 million ex-training ought to occupy a blocks in the plans. On the plans of the anisting mathematical base a statutory right to time There are two main build-ing blocks in the plans. On one side are the education or jobs-plus-training packages tension of the existing TECmonitored investors in People for under-25s on the dole for training standard scheme to small and medium-size firms, more than six months backed up with subsidies and funded from the privatised public sector purchasing. utilities' windfall tax. Under these plans, those who refused a place would lose 40 per cent of benefit.

Red Rose Economics/ Seumas Milne on training

Volunteers wanted for revolution

Stephen Byers, Labour's training spokesman. is draft-ing parallel policies for the older long-term unemployed

On the other side are the new in-work training propos als Most characteristically New Labour is the £150 mil-lion scheme for "individual learning accounts", under which one million employees would be given a smart card worth £150 to buy training courses if they chipped in £25 The rest of the workforce own contributions, and the

package would be funded by

The independent Unemployment Unit argues that Labour has been anxious to Throughout the internal jockeying. Tony Blair made clear he was not prepared to avoid a training levy because carry on with the compulsory it is already committed to training levy Labour champiminimum workplace standards - including rights to oned at the 1992 election. union recognition, a minimum wage and provisions of

IS supporters point out that the levy system of the last Labour government excluded small firms where employment growth is now concentrated.

But union leaders say they were told the overriding reason for the veto was that Labour could not be seen adding to "burdens on business". The CBI is quietly cock-a-hoop about the party's new voluntarist stance. Its direc-

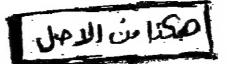
ger King workforce."

the party's individual learning account plans were biased towards employees with money to spare, whereas they should be targeted at those on the bottom of the jobs pile. "The risk is that this could actually end up reinforcing US-style segregation in the labour market and the cre-ation of an underclass with low minimum-wage jobs and no training: the ultimate Bur-

House of Fraser has issued five profits warnings since flotation by the Harrods group in 1994, and the exit of Mr Jennings the European Social Chapter. But one Labour source said tensified takeover speculation. - Pouline Springett Nurdin profits up

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ALI AKBAR, the former BCCI bank treasurer set to be extradited to the United States next Tuesday, has had an 11th-hour reprieve after an oversight by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard. Mr Justice Ognall, sitting in the High Court, adjourned an applica-



The Guardian Friday April 12 1996

Mark loses esteem after Dubai gallop

Ron Cox

Racing

IGHT horses were added to the list of en-tries for the Vodafone

They include current second favourite Mark Of Es-teem, but the Godolphin-owned colt cased in the bet-ing after a lukewarm gallops held yesterday in Dubai. Hill's eased Mark Of Es-teem to 141 from 12. Derived to the provide the second favourite from here the second favourite Mark Of Es-teem to 141 from 12. Derived to the second favourite from here the second favourite Mark Of Es-teem to 141 from 12. State of beating Alhaarth until he gets over to fingland. While Crisford remained freasonably upbeat about Mark Of Esteem, there was no disguising his disappoint "We ware expecting a little bit more from here the performance of the second form here the second favourite from here the performance of the second favourite from here the performance of the second favourite from here the second favourite favourite favourite favo

Hill's eased Mark Of Es-teem to 14-1 from 12-1 for the Derby and to 9-1 from 7's for the 2,000 Guineas. Alhaarth is now 5-4 on Guineas favourite,

now 54 on Guineas favourite, from evens. Mark Of Esteem, ridden by Frankie Dettori, galloped seven farlongs of the sand track at the Nad Al Sheha course, but was unable to vesterday. from evens. Mark Of Esteem, ridden by

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a fair bit," said Simon Cris-ford, Godolphin's racing manager. "He's still on schedule for "He's still on schedule for

"He's still on schedule for the Guineas, but we'd prefer to reserve judgment on his chances of beating Alhaarth until he gets over to England." While Crisford remained

"We were expecting a little bit more from her but having said that the next 10 days will be important and there's no and winner of her only race last season, is offered at need to set the alarm bells ringing just yet." around 20-1 for the Oaks. But Crisford warned: "She

was disappointing in her trial and is another that looks like she needs more time. She wasn't ideally suited by the sand surface."

Mick's Love, bought out of Mark Johnston's stable last season, worked nicely, ac-cording to Crisford, and

York's Dante Stakes is a pos-sibility for him. The Godolphin team is ex-pecting to bring a squad of 45 horses over to Newmarket at the end of the month. Racing Post Trophy winner Beauchamp King, who is due to reappear in the Craven

Stakes next week, Bonarelli, Clever Cliche, Glory Of Dancer, Shaamit, French-trained Spinning World and Tagula were the other additions to

the Derby yesterday. Having worked well with what is considered to be the cream of Henry Cecil's three-year-old colts, Ciever Cliche (3.30) will be expected to



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Sport in brief

Friends differ over alleged Tyson assault

A FRIEND of the woman who claims Mike Tyson sexually assaulted her said yesterday that she did not believe the en-counter in a Chicago nightclub had happened. Two other

Tammie Batty, who worked with the woman at an Indiana beauty parlour and who accompanied her to The Clique club, said: "This person is very light complected, and there's no signs of anyone being bit," as has been alleged. "I don't believe it happened. You don't mess with anybody's reputation like that."

Barbara, who did not want her last name to be used, and Doreen Beard said their friend was gone for about 15 minutes and was hysterical when she returned. "She came running down the stairs. Her face was all red and her eyes were watery. There was a big red mark on her cheek and she told me "Mike was grabbing me all over my body and tried to bite me on the cheek." "Tyson, on probation for a 1992 rape conviction, has not een charged.

Sampras ends service charge

PETE SAMPRAS fought off an aggressive challenge from Austra-lia's Patrick Rafter to reach the quarter finals of the Hong Kong Open. Michael Chang, seeded to meet Sampras in the final, had a few anxious moments before reaching the last eight with a 7-5, 6-3

few anxious moments before reaching the last eight with a 7–5, 6–3 win over Hendrik Dreekmann of Germany. The top seed Sampras had difficulty coping with Rafter's big-kicking service but was rock-solid on his own serve and won 6–3, 7–6 in 1hr I3min. Britain's Danny Sapsford was beaten 6–1, 6–2 in the second round of the Indian Open in New Delhi by the Zimbabwean Byron Black, the No. 3 seed. The unseeded German Alex Radulescu crushed the second-seeded South African Wayne Ferreira 6–1, 6–1 to reach the quarter-finals.

Record with driving ambition

A RECORD dozen nations will be contesting the Harrod's Driving Grand Priz, the centrepiece of the Royal Windsor Horse Show on May 3-12, when Britain's George Bowman, nine times a previous winner, will attempt another victory in the horse teams section, writes John Kerr.

Entries for all classes have topped the 3,400 mark, with the £10,000 Barbour Grand Prix featuring as the show-jumping highlight at the final session.

Snooker aims to close ranks

WORLD-RANKING events will be restricted to 96 players from the 1997-96 season, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association has decided. The move by the game's governing body

Association has testing. The nove by the game spore that if the will dispense with six or seven qualifying rounds for each of the circuit's 10 ranking events at Blackpool each summer. Other players will compete on B and C circuits to earn places in a four-week summer qualifying school, to which those finishing 65–96 on the main tour will also be relegated.

Knee surgery delays Briers

NIGEL BRIERS, the Leicestershire opener, could miss the first two months of the cricket season after undergoing knee surgery. Briers, who stepped down as captain last year, aggravated a longstanding knee problem during the club's tour to South Africa.

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Elburg returned the positive test for a prohibitive substance after winning the Tote Marathon Handicap at Pontefract last year.

Hoad was fined £1,000 for the offence and lost his licence to train from next Wednesday until May 1 next year for answers he gave to a Jockey Club investigating officer on three

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McGovern was dismissed. Hoad refused to comment after the hearing but his legal representative, Wil-liam Norris, said: "We had a fair hearing." Elburg, who tested posi-tive to the substances caf-

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himself satisfied with Viking in 12 days. Dunwoody took over the ride on Viking Flagship after Tony McCoy was injured in a fall on Polden Pride in the

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GOLF: US MASTERS, FIRST DAY

David Davies finds a Crewe Cowboy easing into his stride among the Golden Bears and Great White Sharks at Augusta

Gilford leads the challenge

who even in these days of Golden Bears and Great White Sharks lares to enter the Augusta National golf club without a nickname, began his 1996 US Masters yesterday with a solid and satisfying 69.

AVID GILFORD. |

If he keeps this up the 35-year-old Midland dairy farmer will soon be known as the Crewe Cowboy. He had an eagle and a four-putt in his have been to miss it stood three-under-par round, to and watched impassively, bestand four shots behind the early leader Phil Mickelson and two behind the former PGA champion Bob Tway Gilford, four under after 15, looked as if he might at least share the lead, as he did in

and missed. the first round last year when he opened with a 67. But an indifferent tee shot to the short 16th left him with a 35ft putt over a hummock to a pin tucked away on the upper right of the green.

Rugby Union

The putting surface on this that quiet authority that green is so fast that the playstamps his game. He birdied ers must have been grateful the long 2nd with two putts, hit a seven-iron second to for the spikes on their shoes and Gilford knew that he had three feet at the 3rd and then

to be extremely careful with compiled par after par all the first putt. He hit it well. way to the 13th. There his second shot a three-iron from It was clearly heading for the hole but shaved the upper rim, almost stopping two feel 185 yards out, drew the com-ment "That's a cracker" from past but not quite. It rolled the watching Ken Brown, a slowly on, inch by agonising former Ryder Cup player. It pitched on the perfect spot and took the contours to inch, down the slope that leads to a pond, before finally finish 10 feet away. The putt was a deserved reward. Gilcoming to rest 45 feet away. Gilford, who had earlier greeted the applause for his eagle with a flick of the hand wax lyrical over it. so brief that to blink would have been to miss it. stood fore hitting his second putt three feet past. Now he was faced with a real trickler, a putt that if only a fraction too hard would send him back Augusta National Card of the course whence he came. He babied i

Yes 400 It was a measure of how well Gilford controls his emo-555 11 tions that he hit a drive and nine-iron to four feet at the 205 13 17th, holing the putt to get 435 14 back to three under. Earlier he had played with 180 .15

ford, though, was reluctant to "It was a bit too much club and, as I had my feet below the ball I didn't quite connect, so those two things

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"I like playing here," he said, "and I like quick greens. But you have got to be precise because the punishment at Augusta for a so-so shot is evere. He could have mentioned his putt on the 15th green which, from fully 60 feet, pulled up four feet away. Then it started to move again. travelling another eight feet, and a probable birdie became an actual par. Nevertheless, not for Gilford the savage condemna-tion, the questioning of official sanity, that might have come from others. Last week, for instance, even before arriving at Augusta, Nick Price

counteracted 'each other." He was similarly reluctant

to criticise the Masters au-

thorities for either the sneed

ns or the pin posi-

of the greens of tion at the 16th.

them, and gave David Leadwas criticising the speed of better quite a start yesterday when he suddenly appeared on the 1st tee. the greens. "Do you honestly think," be said. "that Bobby Jones would have wanted them at he said. "They should call these speeds? They were half him The Ghost." Indeed, Gilas fast in his day." Given that ford does have a pale, almost he was being negative days

before the event, Price did him look as though he has es-well to get round in 71 caped from the office for the day. But despite all this he is Gilford even parried some the consummate professional. eager questions about his hobby, which is beef farming. He plays more early-season tournaments than most, knowing that, although the No, he said, his 25 cattle were not affected by BSE. No, he

total prize-money is not so high, that at the top end, where he expects to finish, is had not been worried about having to slaughter them and good. no, he was not concerned about any financial loss. No one ever mistook Seven "I made £240,000 last year and £380,000 the year before. iano Ballesteros for an office worker and yesterday he took so a £5,000 loss on the cattle, if it came to that, wouldn't really matter all that much."

stopped eating beef.

the demeanour of an amateur. He materialises in places

rather than marching to

"Where did he come from?"

a cattious step towards rebuilding his confidence with a 73. It contained only one birdle but it has at least Oh, and no, he has not given him a chance to qualify Despite his six European tour wins, and three points in the last Ryder Cup, Gilford remains a modest man with for the last two rounds. Sam Torrance was in cheer-ful mood before going out with the left-hander Mickle-

son. "With him standing the way he does, we'll be able to tee off at the same time," he said. He became less cheerfu as the round progressed, though. He took 80, hitting trees off the tee at the 10th and 17th holes, which was made all the worse by the fact that his playing partner bird-ied five of the last six holes and came home in 30.

> Helen Smyth sees | guickly suggesting to Stephens that he should a traditional start to the first major

> JARRY C Vaiden III the man known as Slamlives and works in Augusta, so he knew better than to expect any great fanfare on the occa-sion of his 50th Masters this year. He was not sent a gold patron's badge and there was no invitation to sit on the lawn and sip a mint julep with Jackson Stephens, the chairman of Augusta National. But Vaiden came just the same, as he has every year since he vas six.

> On a bright, chilly morn-ing yesterday he exchanged greetings with the various nembers of the Harison family in charge of matters on the first tee, making sure there are plenty of sented with a set of gold tees, ball markers, pencils headed irons when he and pin-position sheets in place. Phil, the official starter, in the job for 49 years, hands out the scorecards and announces the players — briefly, "Ted

Tryba now driving. Fore, lease The Harisons have run not even fade away - they the tee since 1947," Vaiden just reach for the said. "They don't make a technology. Stephens introduced the lot of changes here. The larisons are from Hurst in | three legends, before onistly announcing: "Now Berkshire originally, came across in 1708 - their it's time to begin the 60th cousin Lovelace was one of Masters. Gene, you have the first governors of the colony of New York and his the honour." Sarazen, who won here on his debut in 1935, father was rector of Winchester Cathedral. They knocked the ball down the found the sunny south very alluring and once they got fairway, Nelson followed him with a lowish worker here they didn't go back to and Snead, as he had forecast, did not threaten the New York." Vaiden remembers banker. The Nelsons waited for subsequent generations to watching Lloyd Mangrum who never won a green jacket but was runner-up arrive and watched Charles twice, in 1947 but one of his Coody. Gay Brewer. Doug Ford, Tommy Aaron and most vivid memories is of 1954, when he persuaded his father to let him miss school on the Monday of Billy Casper, total age 318, play away before going to breakfast. Snead did not the play-off between Ben Hogan and Sam Snead. bang around, especially not Hogan and Sam Snead. to see Ford, who, at the age Snead beat Hogan by a of 73, was equalling the single shot, 70 to 71, and, Snead record of playing in single shot, 70 to 71, and, like Vaiden, he was at the 44 Masters. first tee again this year. Handshaking his way Ever perky, even at the age of 83, Snead is the youn-gest of the three honorary back to the clubhouse. Snead was momentarily nonplussed by a young man who introduced himself as starters. Gene Sarazen is the oldest at 94 and Byron "Tom Sloane's grandson?" Nelson is 84 and they get "Who?" the proceedings under way every year. Snead was the first to arrive and was "Tom Sloane." "Oh, er, yeah, one of the greats."

Sarazen, a dapper, diminutive figure in a grey blazer and grey plus-twos, arrived to great applause, accompa-nied by Martin Enicki, a long, lean grandson who looked twice his grandfather's height. Last to ar-rive was Nelson, walking with a stick, which he handed to Peggy, his wife, in exchange for his driver. It was suitably old-fash-

minute in contrast to the hi-tech metal-headed, graphite-shafted weapons ielded by his partners.

reached 50 years with Wil-son, had one of the company's latest invex drivers, the model used by John Daly, an indication that the search for extra length is enduring. These days it seems that old golfers do

fresh drive have the tees moved for-ward 10 yards for the octogenarians, "Damned few of the young bucks will carry that trap from back here.

min' Sam said.

ioned, with a gleaming per-simmon bead that seemed Snead, who was pre-sented with a set of gold-

Neath cross line to live life in the fast lane ESS than a month ago Neath were 20-1 long shots to win the league and cup double and their squad considered bet-ting 250 each to fund a sum-

Cup profile: The men in black have suddenly become everyone's favourites to do the Welsh double, writes David Plummer

mer tour. The league leaders tomor row take on Newport in the Swalec Cup semi-final in Cardiff as favourites for both competitions in what was intended to be a transitional season for them. In the other semi-final Llanelli take on

Pontypridd at Bridgend, Neath were arguably the dourest side in the First Division last season, returning a mere 33 tries in their 22 league games. With four matches to go this campaign they have crossed their oppo-nents' lines 94 times and even if Pontypridd or Cardiff beat them to the title. Neath are sure to top the try chart.

It is a remarkable transfor mation and coincided with the decision of Wales to play a faster, more expansive game. though the national side has a





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Gilford on the 2nd tee

Hi-tech hardware

gives old masters

long way to go to emulate Neath's ball-winning. handling, passing and speed.

At the start of the season Neath were only outside bets to make the European Cup by finishing in the top four. The coach David Pickering had stepped down to be replaced by Daryll Jones, who had helped Aberavon win promotion from the Second Division.

Jones brought with him a bevy of young, untried Aber avon backs and, though Neath had a core of experience at forward, it was felt they would be exposed behind.

They struggled early on and, when they were defeated at home by the champions Cardiff. Neath's assistant coach Lyn Jones described it as men against boys.

Perversely for a side who like to move the ball quickly. Neath found their feet when pitches were at their muddi-est. Since losing the return match against Cardiff on December 23, they have not been heaten and have passed 50 points on five occasions.

Unusually they do not have they will next senson have to said Jones. "What we set out a goal-kicking full-back or find two second-rows to in do from the outset was to outside-half. Their two replace the Llewellyn play fast, open rugby involv-scrum-haives Patrick Horgan brothers, who are joining Lon-ing all 15 players. There was and Chris Bridges take the don clubs, while the Wales responsibility though it rarely amounts to anything first full season at The Gool, first full season at The Gnoli, is a target for both League and more than converting tries. Despite Neath's lofty posi-Union English clubs. tion, Daryll Jones believes the best is still to come. However, than perlups we dared hope." "Things have gone better

Ill health forces Christie to guit as SA coach

ITCH CHRISTIE has Football Union said that Aresigned as coach of Christie, who has steered buth Africa for health his side to 14 consecutive Kresigned as coach of South Africa for health Test victories as well as last reasons. Christie, who was year's World Cup triumph, would remain as national in hospital last week with pneumonia, is replaced by director of coaching. Morne du Plessis, a for-Andre Markgraaff. Ray Mordt remains assistant

Tough experience for Croats

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gentina, Brazil-Austria,

Romania-Belgium, Nether-lands-New Zealand, Russia-

Hungary. Spain-Denmark and

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Switzerland-Morocco.

Tennis

squad, said the 53-year-old Christic "bad given more than one man could expect to give Christic replaced lan McIntosh as coach in August 1994 and in two Morad tremains assistant Morad du Plessis, a for-months prepared the team for a successful home Test The South African Rugby managed the World Cup series against Argentina.

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no doubt that the First Div-ision game had become dull and we wanted to put some colour min it. After we had lost three

and drawn one of our opening 11 league matches I thought our chance had gone but we are now leading the way. There is a long way to go and we still have to play two sides the top four but we have hit form at the right time." Tomorrow's semi-final

should be a foregone conclusion. It was less than two weeks ago that Neath de-feated the same opponents 63-20. But statistics can be de-ceptive. They took the lead with only 19 minutes to go and were glifted four intercep-

ESTORIL OPEN IL Shoar

"I had never played in a match like it," said Neath's international No. 8 Steve Williams. "The fact we were up against it for an hour and the top in Welsh rugby, at the beginning of the decade. they trailed by 17 points at one stage will concentrate minds.

We expect a hard match." Williams is a survivor from last season and he explained: "The emphasis is different: Jones. "I know we are going last season it was all about to lose players because we do getting fit by going on long not have the money to com road runs. This year the pete with sides like Newcas coaches have placed the em-phasis on ball-bandling and movement. Fitness is still important but we now spend en-

tire sessions on skills. "The difference is there for and we cannot match. All we all to see and the players are | can do is make sure our sup revelling in the new style. Bo-nus points have given us an added incentive and due reward but we would have other will turn up."

Clear run . . . the Neath captain and Wales lock Gareth Llewellyn. centre, puts his better foot forward in training this week PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF MORGA tion tries in 11 crazy minutes. I changed anyway. It is the way rugby has to go and we are entertaining crowds." When Neath were last at

> were respected but not ad mired. Today the old siege "We have placed the em-

phasis on youth," said Daryll ile. Harlequins and Wigan. "Replacing the Llewellyn brothers will be hard and Leigh Davies will one day

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Pat Rowley in Atlanta GREAT BRITAIN and the other five men's teams in

the pre-Olympic tournament reluctantly agreed to play the first matches of the roundrobin tournament on Clark

University's warm-up pitch here today. A meeting of team manag-

ers agreed to this stopgap ar-rangement last night on condition that the rest of the event be held on the main pitch at Clark, which is officially the second hockey venue for the Atlanta Olym-

pic Games This pitch should have been completed weeks ago but The International Rugby Board has ap-pointed the 52-year-old American-born internan Thomas J Wacker to the newly created position of chief executive. work has been delayed by heavy rain and high winds. will supervise and co-ordinate the of IRB activities from Bristol to There have also been problems with the main Olympic hockey pitch at the splendid

The Pontypride outside-hall Lee Jarvis is considering an offer from Harlequins who are believed to have offered the 19-year-old 255,000 a year and a win bonus of 21,000 per maket, "I have had a good offer from them and will make my mind up in a sector to the sector." Morris Brown University stadium. The artificial surface laid

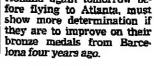
there was originally desig-nated to be the pre-Olympic tournament venue but for legal and contractual reasons it has not yet been handed

Olympic stopgap as Britain play on half-finished pitch

up surface must be consid-ered highly risky. There are bales of straw everywhere, lots of standing water and no run-off for the players.

All the teams practised on the makeshift pitch before agreeing to use it, but not everyone was in favour. The players who still feel uncertain of their places were keepest to play.

were beaten 5-2 by their fellow Olympic qualifiers Hol-land at Bisham Abbey yester-day. The Dutch, 2-0 up at half-time, outclassed Britain in a clinical display and late goals by Tina Cook and Sue Fraser were scant consolation. Their coach Sue Slocomhe acknowledges that Britain, who play Holland again tomorrow be-



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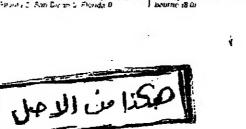
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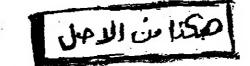


Tom them and will make my make by make by an week or 80, he sold. The England Internationals Ben Clarke (sprained anklin) and Stive Openoh (icol anklin) are both doubted for Sath's crucial Courage League game at Saracess Iomorrow



Playing on the Clark warm-

over to the Atlanta Olympic organising committee. Besides, work has not been completed here either. There is a six-foot ditch round the pitch.





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Extra time Edilet by Jerenny Alexander The Boat Race re-run tomorrow

bridge again, already, the same personnel. The crews reappear in Gainesville, Georgia, where the Olympic regatta will be held in July. They do battle with each other, plus Harvard and Yale, over 2,000 stillwater metres of Lake La-nier. It is the first time all four protagonists in the world's most famous boat races have met. The idea belongs to Dick Fishlock, a Blue whose

Oxford crew represented Britain in the Rome Olympics. Having sold it - the US are holding their Olympic trials this weekend and it gives an extra chance to test the facilities - he found himself with a pro-fessional challenge. His business is raising sponsor-ship. He managed \$115,000 out of the \$150,000 required for an event embracing the four universities' women's,

Some reckon one Boat (Ayer). The American Race is a ballyhoo too far. Tomorrow there is another, Oxford v Cam-undergraduates may row in their race — a lesson there. If experience favours the Blues, they have peaked whereas Harvard and Yale are two months short of their race over four miles on another Thames (soft 'th' and rhyming with flames) at New London, Connecticut, near Groton. The commentator must enjoy "shooting" the nuclear sub base. Harvard v Yale was first rowed in 1853. 24 years

after Oxford v Cambridge. Harvard first met Oxford in 1869 in fours from Pniney to Mortlake. They brought three boats, a cook, a food taster and their own water - to drink, not row on. Little good it did them. Oxford won, Thomas Hughes (of Tom Brown's Schooldays) was umpire, Charles Dickens spoke at the dinner but Harvard were missing, al-ready on the town. Police

helmets were ever a trophy. Oxbridge have gone to no such lengths. Their race was run last Saturday and Dark Blue features pro-claimed there could be no consolation tomorrow.

lishers deny a common fault, the copy rushed to The Guard-ian showed the same photo-graphs twice — double vision, perhaps, but the intentions

VEN Curtis Strange, who Eprobably lost the 1985 Masters by failing to blast out T took an iron bar to crack a loophole in the rules governof the creek in front of the 13th green when leading by ing US Olympic competitors. It hit the skater Nancy Kerrigan across the knee but Tonya Harding still competed in the Lillehammer Winter two strokes on the last round, welcomes its return to a trickle. Six years ago dam-ming raised the water level to Games. This weekend the US enguh balls without trace. Now, by popular demand, it is possible again to play out. "I finitk it's exciting if a guy Olympic Committee consid-ers a stricter code of conduct. Competitors, once selected for Atlanta, will be required takes off his shoes, puts on to sign a code which forbids "activities which may result the rainsuit and goes down civil or

men's lightweight and mas-ters' crews, too. Oxford include two Harvard men (Hammond and the cox Kristol) and Mann from Yale while Cambridge have one from Harvard

Sixth column

"They are using new tech-nology now," said Chapman, "like mobile phones. Their parts were disembarking. There is a positive feeling

look-outs can see where police are moving and create diversions on occasions to draw police resources away." Chelsea hooligans posted spotters with cell-phones at half-a-dozen tube stations the last time they clashed with Millwall, with 200 thugs waiting in a pub for the signal that their Millwall counter-

about football at the mo-ment," said Williams, "and lowed an ambush by Middles-Middlesbrough to Noftingthat perhaps affects whether ham that stopped at Thor-naby, and the ritual skirnewspapers see this as a story or not. What has changed is mishes between Arsenal and the routineness of the prob-Tottenham gangs at White Hart Lane station after this lem, but it hasn't gone away. We are going to have some season's north London derby. problems in the summer [at Organised violence is still the European Champion-there too, rarer but better or | ships], no doubt about that."

Horse guards parade . . . all part of the pageantry that traditionally welcomes the visitor to Millwall, complete with mounted policemen in full riot gear

Running the gauntlet at The Den

Soccer violence has not gone away. It is still very much alive, yet hooligans and policemen are finding that it does not make news any more. **John Duncan** came to this realisation the hard way any more. **John Duncan** came to this realisation the hard way any more. **John Duncan** came to this realisation the hard way any more. **John Duncan** came to this realisation the hard way any more. **John Duncan** came to this realisation the hard way any more. **John Duncan** came to this realisation the hard way any more the more than the providence is performed and the old hooligans. The violence is performed and the old hooligan clubs and the old hooligan clubs to recreate some mythical global to recreate some mythical global to realise the more the providence is performed and the old hooligans. after watching Millwall entertain Birmingham City this week

down the narrow path to South Bermondsey railway station. "Get out of our bloody way," said one. Bang, a truncheon came down. They were chasing a group of Millwall youths who had been throwing bottles and

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all violent yobs and that no one near them was safe. In fact the victims of viclerice in Birmingham were "Run," said another. It was "Run," said another. It was sensible advice. They were chasing a group of Millwall youths who had ham's comments are now the subject of an inquiry that

DOZEN policemen in trouble at the away fixture in two police injured, one police riot gear, complete with November and subsequent al-visors, were charging legations by Birmingham True, the troublemakers n the narrow path to City that Millwall fans were numbered only 200 people out numbered only 200 people out of a crowd of 9,271. It was hardly a riot, yet the press used to give such reserva-tions short shrift when this sort of "skirmish" was reported in Osloj Mahno, Bot-terdam — or England 10 years ago. Is no one interested in these incidents any more?

Chapman insists the vest majority of Millwall fans have no interest in violence and

are desperate to shed the image bequeathed them by the Seventies.

Money has helped shift the problem too. "The top clubs have been able to massage it away," said John Williams of the Sir Norman Chester Centre for Football Research. Because of the increased demand for entry the people who want irouble can't get in any more. But there is a real

before this year's Coca-Cola Cup final will testify to that. Late that night Leeds fans at-tacked the Jazz Cafe, a fashionable live-music venue and nightclub, rampaging around the area and attacking bystanders.

When they failed to batter down the door of the club with a ripped-out street sign they turned on clubgoers waiting in the queue. Result: Hooligans 1, Column inches 0. Similar news blackouts fol-

tail end of a violently effective operation to disperse some 200 youths gathered in the

roads around the New Dan and make sure that three coach-loads of Birmingham

The pair were involved in a

running battle during the Premiership match and soon after half-time Asprilla,

angered when he was hauled

back as he tried to burst through, lashed out with his

elbow and caught Curle in the

face. The referee Martin Bo-

denham took no action. After the final whistle the

championship at Simons-

town, South Africa, by win-

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ruary 24.

to butt Curle.

Sailing

ment for the club, the FA said yesterday. On Wednesday night there were police-horse charges, the odd thwack of a trun-

cheon, stones and glasses City supporters left safely. It had been a tanse match, inflamed by memories of ple of roadblocks, six arrests,

leigh League, where clubs have been left behind by gone away but much of its news appeal has and the level recent changes and their type of violence to spark headlines has grown. "There is a diminishing miof supporters have not

changed so much." Some Newcastle fans were nority who want confronta-tion," said Chief Superintenshocked when visiting Stoke dent Ken Chapman, who organises policing at Millwall supporters went on a wrecking spree, overturning cars. It

to try again

with Grimsby

GRIMSBY's Italian Striker Ivano Bonetti is

to stay at Blundell Park

Clever clogs take off only The code also circumscribes one — like Count de Bendern those too big for their basketin 1937. The British amateur known as Johnny de Forest. having studied the situation, took off his left shoe and sock, rolled up his trouser leg, de-scended into the creekbed, placed his bare left foot on the grassy bank and plunged his right into the water.

ties. Germany have chosen the Moss Rose ground for their European Championship preparation. Italy were first going to a club in Ches-ter, then considered Northwich Victoria but were wor-ried that the Germans could spy on them. This is not the America's Cup but they have settled on Alsager College, which is less open and offers tighter security. The hire, says a lecturar Sue Jepson, will further sports science". Last September, in co-oper

ation with the PFA, the college launched a three-year degree course in sports science and coaching for professional footballers. Among the 14 takers is Mark Wright, member of Venables's most recent squad. Naturally he holds a pass into Alsager. OTDOGS are being gas-tronomically challenged

ball boots. In Barcelona Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson crossed out portion of the old code that obliged them to wear uniforms bearing trademarks competing with some of their biggest personal sponsors. The new code must be signed "in its unaltered form". Athletes will

pledge to "wear designated USOC apparel at official func-tions such as ceremonies and press conferences". That will hardly prevent those who think themselves bigger than the Olympics from again covering logos with the US flag. Teams come under USOC jurisdiction on selection. In most sports that is between May 22 and June 5. The span for British competitors is July 18 to August 4. They will sign a letter of agreement, currently in draft by the British Olympic Association. It does not mention iron bars.

of date. Street peddling of fish may also be admitted.

at Candlestick Park, Fans of the San Francisco Giants,

NADIA COMANECI, Romania's gymnastic darling, is ruffling feathers there by the lavish wedding she has planned for April 27 will find themselves at the cutting edge of ballpark cui-sine. The menu has 23 new dishes, including grilled ahi tuna, smokey prime-cut pork and tomatillos, seared ancho-chipotle chicken, and chicken breast with white beans, sweetcorn and tomatoes in a mild cumin broth. The traditional Bud or Bud Lite is sup-Lord's is not to be outdone prevailing poverty. Comaneci fled Romania in November 1989, just before Ceausescu a-food bars are to be intro-

services, also promises ethnic dishes and cut fresh fruit for the visits of India, then Pakistan, to Lord's. Chicken jayasuriya sounds tasty.

plemented by wine.

THREE weeks after Frank Bruno failed to strike when the Iron was hot in Las Vegas he has had another go. In a "third collaboration with his long-time friend Norman Giller" he writes: "Unfortunately, when the bell rang, all my good intentions disappeared because Mike Tyson refused to concede an inch to me." So that was the problem. The book's cover, boasting topicality, proclaims "including the Tyson fight". But the title stands - From Zero To

the reverse. Though the pub- Comaneci ... overdoing it

Kevin Keegan and City's Alan Ball claimed they had not had a clear view of either incident The relegation-threatened The relegation-threatened City play their final fixture at EWCASTLE's \$7.5 milbut TV footage was graphic and the FA launched an inhome to Liverpool five days lion Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla and quiry. Asprilla was later charged with two counts of misconduct and Curle with the Manchester City captain Keith Curle will appear be-fore the Football Association one. The FA spokesman Steve on April 30 to explain their clash at Maine Road on Feb-Double said yesterday: "We had hoped to deal with this

FA date set for Asprilla

matter earlier and had looked at April 19. But Asprilla goes away on international duty on April 18 and won't be back

for seven days." The venue for the hearing has yet to be fixed and Double added: "We are hoping to arrange a venue in the north and we want both cases to be dealt with together. Whatever the outcome

players tangled again near a inesman, Asprilla appearing b butt Curie. The Newcastle manager prilla — there is little chance pared to pay only \$200,000. linesman, Asprilla appearing

after a meeting with the club yesterday. after the hearing and Newcastle face Nottingbam Forest on The former Juvenius and May 2 and Tottenham fhree Torino player suffered a smashed checkbone in a days later. The clubs have a 14-day right of appeal against dressing-room clash with the player-manager Brian Laws after the 3-2 defeat at any punishments imposed and, should they be claimed, any suspensions would come Luton in February. Laws, who has been charged with misconduct by the FA, has since told a into effect at the beginning of next season. Brighton have been given

until midday on April 30 to agree a one-year rental deal with Chartwell Land, the new radio phone-in that he wanted Bonetti back only if owners and developers of the he was fully committed. The player's agent Dario Magri asked to plead Bonet-Goldstone Ground. If the club cannot agree terms they will be evicted and demolition work will start in early June. ti's cause and the upshot was yesterday's meeting.

Bonetti has played two reserve-team games in the past week.

Athletics

Ainslie on right wavelength Lynch back in action after drug-test Skerrett set for Warrington precaution over flu medicine

EN AINSLIE of Great ning his first race in very dif-Britain opened his ac-count in the BP Laser world Fisher. Duncen Mackey Although 15-20 knot southeasterly winds and huge seas had built up in False Bay, making it hard to find the

turning marks for the leaders, Ainslie led from start to finish. The 185-boat fleet from 40

countries has been split into two and in the other half Brazil's Robert Scheidt, the defending champion, also won. There is great rivalry beween Ainslie and Scheidt which will intensify as the Olympics approach.

By the time of the second races the wind had built up to over 20 knots making the seas even bigger. Britain's Jain Percy won the first of the afternoon races despite having to stop several time es to check the positions of the marks which were very difficult to see in the troughs of

the waves. New Zealand's Nik Burfoot won the other race Ainslie and Scheidt both finished third in their races and were well clear at the top of the points table by the and of the first day.

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NMENNA LYNCH, Liz in the BUPA International Road Race in Portsmouth

her return to competition after withdrawing from last month's World Cross Country Championships to avoid failing a drugs test. Lynch, the English national cross-country champion, was set to make her international debut for the United States in the

event, staged in Stellen-bosch at the end of last month, until she was struck down by a flu bug in the week before the race. The New York-born Lynch, a social anthropol-ogy student at Oxford University, visited a doctor who is used to dealing with

international athletes and rived in South Africa and training.

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double checked the con-tents of the medicine she suspension

omorrow, will be making

matic ban. the incident because she is seeking advice and may the doctor concerned.

requested medicine that ranner-up in 1989, has would not cause her any withdrawn from this year's problems should she be race on April 21 through drug tested. However when she ar an insect during altitude

set to join Warrington in Super League's most unexpected transfer so far. The former Hunslet and

Bradford prop is not on the list but he has failed to make a first-team start for Wigan in metres runner who had battled against a drugs ban their last nine games. His last for nearly two years before having all charges against her dropped by the Interna-tional Amateur Athletic Federation. Lynch erred on the side of caution and sat out the women's race

English game. Lynch refused to discuss

day, leaving him clear to play in his first Challenge Cup final, against St Helens on April 27. He was sent off against Sheffield Eagles last

each received two-match

 Paul Fitzpatrick
 each received two-fidth

 KELVIN SKERRETT, the 29-year-old Wigan and Great Britain forward, looks
 bans. Anderson was sent off for a high tackle in last Friday's match at Oldham. Hallas was cited by the RFL after an incident in the same game

 in which Oldham's winger Rob Myler suffered a broken

Mark Jones, the Warring-ton and Wales forward, has duced, offering lobster prawns and salmon. Stephen been ordered to appear before the disciplinary committee next week. He was placed on McManus, managing director

agreed a deal for Warring-ton's international scrum-half Mike Ford, transfer-listed at Hero - with not a thought to £35,000.

of Gardner Merchant leisure report during Monday's game at Wigan after an incident involving Martin Hall. Leeds, without a point after

three Super League games, have announced the first of fbree new signings, Nathan Picchi, a 21-year-old loose for-

ward from the Hawkes Bay club in New Zealand. Picchi, who joins Leeds on

a one-year contract is expected to arrive next week.

He has represented the New Zealand Maoris and is de-scribed as a "workaholic" by Hugh McGahan, Leeds's football manager.

Wakefield Trinity have

Friday for a dangerous tackle

take legal action against • Poland's Wanda Panfil, the women's London Mara-thon winner in 1990 and

rather than risk an auto-

Bradford six years ago and has won every bonour since. He has played 16 times for Britain and is one of the most

feared forwards in the

and will now miss Sunday's Cup final rehearsal at Knowsley Road. The Halifax players Paul

four appearances have been as substitute. Skerrett joined Wigan from

Karl Fairbank, the Bradford Bulls' forward, was sus-pended for one-match yester-

Anderson and Graeme Hailas

had taken she discovered that it contained banned drugs which could lead to a Since much of the talk in South Africa that weekend was of the case of Diane Modahl, the British 800

Paul Fitzpetrick

been planning for the day for

Silver and the manager

Howard Wilkinson, stung by the fans' anger at another dis-

appointing season, signalled the club's intention to

restructure the playing staff,

which will almost certainly

mean the departures of To-mas Brolin, Gary Speed and

"It is going to be a very dif-

ficult summer with a lot of recruitment to do, new play-

ers to come in and new sys-tems to develop," explained

some time.

Brian Deane.

Silver. "I think we need some-one else at the club to oversee because of an automatic oneall that." match ban. **Rugby League**

Bonetti agrees Leeds clear-out Bill Fotherby, the new care-taker chairman, said on Chub-EEDS UNITED will herald the end of the Leslie call that there is "no sugar-daddy waiting in the wings to Silver era with a summer clear-out. The retirement of the chairman after 14 years bankroll a host of big-money signings. But we have a good, sound base here with the young players and now we need some fresh and experisurprised many outsiders but inside Elland Road they had

enced players." The injured Coventry de-fender David Busst hopes to

agree a new contract in the

coming week. His agent Murdo Mackay said yester-

day: "The chairman Bryan Richardson and manager Ron

tionally supportive. I don't

Bolton yesterday suffered a blow when the Wales striker

Nathan Blake was ruled out

of their home relegation clash with Southampton on April 27

Atkinson have been

foresee any problems.

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MACCLESFIELD have sat-isfied not only the Foot-ball League with their facili-

NO ONE seems sure why baseball is banned in Webster, Florida, but the City Commission has suddenly realised that times have moved on. It met last night with a view to repealing a law that was made on July 31, 1908. It is one of over 30 ordi-

turning up for today's first home match of the season,

she has planned for April 21 to another Olympic champion gymnast, the American Bart Conner. Opponents of Ion Iliescu say it will bolster the president's ruling party before the autumn elections by cashing in on her appeal. The couple have invited 1,500 people and the wedding feast will sit awkwardly with the

was ousted and executed in a violent revolution. The wedding is in the palace he built. Drinks will be served from asymmetric bars.







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THE MASTERS: SPANISH VETERAN BACK ON COURSE AT AUGUSTA



Springing the trap . . . Seve Ballesteros, who was fitted for the green jacket in 1980 and 1983, finds the answer to the riddle of the sand as he plays out of a bunker on the 1st hole. After his recent poor run, Ballesteros would have been relieved to open with a one-over-par round of 73 which gives him a chance of beating the cut. Reports, page 22 PHOTOGRAPH STEPHEN MANDAY

Rugby clubs quit league

Robert Armstrong on the shock decision by 24 leading lights to boycott RFU competitions in the fight to control the English game

of all-out war last night as Twickenham considered a shock decision by the leading clubs to pull out of next season's league and cup competitions The boycoi boycott by the

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NGLISH rugby president Bill Bishop to step in | clubs are negotiable around stood on the brink | and take over Brittle's duties. | the table as soon as possible." the table as soon as possible." Brittle's comments followed The RFU secretary Tony Hallett said: "I am delighted a detailed and angry state-ment issued by Donald Kerr, chairman of the English Pro-fessional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc), in which the clubs trok Frittle to task for alloged they have stopped short of a breakaway." Yet the clubs' withdrawal from cup and league constitutes a break-away in all but name. took Brittle to task for alleged lack of good faith. "We de-Brittle held

Kerr later added: "It is be-coming increasingly difficult to solve this with Cliff Brittle and one way forward would be if he stepped down or were removed from office."

Peter Wheeler, the Leices-ter chief executive who helped to set up Epruc, denied that the clubs were uying to wrest control of the game away from Twickenham. "We "We are not rebel clubs. We are not looking to hijack any-

thing. The RFU is an amateur

organisation for amateur

clubs but we are professional

different. The RFU should

give us a measure of control."

members regard the attempt to oust Brittle, a tough negoti-

ator with a clear mandate, as the thin end of the wedge: if Brittle is sacrificed, they ar-

gue, he will be replaced by someone more pliable.

Others believe that Brittle, who was elected in January with a landslide majority, is

simply being tested out by the money men who have come increasingly to dominate club

rugby at all levels.

Russell Thomas

black market.

Nevertheless, some RFU

clubs and our pro

One immediate conse-quence of the boycott would be that no Lesgue One clubs will be relegated this season, a dramatic reversal of Twick-enham's decision this week that two should go down. Epruc wants League One in-creased from 10 to 12 clubs.

Epruc has been eager to claim that it fully represents the 24 clubs in membership, yet some do have doubts about the wisdom of a full-scale con-frontation with Twickenham.

Brittle . . . under attack

ket trade at the 1995 final. Last week the FA black-listed 36 individuals and

The ban is not only an

embarrassment to McCar

thy but also to the Football Association of Ireland, al-ready troubled by alleged ticket irregularities at the 1994 World Cup in the United States

The FA spokesman Steve Double said: "Mick McCar-

thy told us that he had passed on the tickets to two

associates at face value and that he had made no mone-

tary gain from the transac

tion, which we accept." "But in any event he was

in breach of the conditions he signed when he received the tickets. They state that tickets should not be passed

on, with or without pay-ment, unless you have the

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United States.

McCarthy 10-year

McCarthy, 37, a former Republic captain, is the big-gest-name victim of investi-gations into the black mar-

Crawley is chiefly known for

two things: Gatwick and its

crematorium. No one likes to

sense of 50,000 people going

silently out of their minds,

linger too long at either. Walking

round you had the overwhelming

Cup ticket ban

ICK McCARTHY, the Republic of Ireland manager, has called

press conference for this morning in Dublin to explain how two 1995 FA Cup final tickets issued to him

found their way on to the

McCarthy, who took over from Jack Charlton only

two months ago, is anxious

to give his version of events

after being banned yester-day from receiving FA Cup

final tickets for 10 years. The two £60 tickets issued to McCarthy, then manager of Millwall, for the final between Everton and Manchester United

nded up with two Norwe

gian supporters who paid £350 each for their seats.

Northern clubs such as Orrell Sale and Wakefield are reluctant to rush to the barricades while the London Exiles, Scot-tish and Irish, would prefer a low-key compromise. Richmond also support the RFU. "We intend to make full fi-

nancial investment in the future of English club ruby and we alone can do it," said the Epruc statement. "The RFU's policy is of necessity driven by the need urgently

Even WG was a bodger with a pencil



T THIS moment Raymond Illingworth. who is showing all the signs of a healthy paranoia, is probably holed up in his Yorkshire bunker, gig-gling maniacally as he takes : Gunn & Moore to effigies of Ian Botham and David Graveney. He should have a peek at history.

As we await next week's an nouncement of England's new Test selectors we should recall that the first panel, chaired by another autocratic Yorkshireman Lord Hawke, was set up almost a century ago, early in the summer of 1899, and they made as big a pig's ear of the job as the current lot.

It was soon discovered that the imperious Hawke was bet-ter at picking fights than Test sides, while beside him the gargantuan W G Grace, the as a pencil-sucking bodger. The pair of them, assisted by H W Bainbridge of Warwickshire, would probably have chosen Dr Crippen as a marriage-guidance

counsellor England lost that summer's series against Australia, as they did the next two Ashes contests; before 1899 the Eng land side were chosen by the committees of the county clubs on whose grounds the Tests were played (Lancashire for Old Trafford, Surrey for The Oval, etc) and they had fared much better, beating Australia in three series out of

England's Test selections

It is such a horror story it

might have been penned by

nal search for an elusive bal-ance and the match will be played on a surface which has within it all the treachery of a used car salesman. The next time you see two captains pawing the pitch, half-close your eyes and you will see a couple of archaeolo gists trying to decipher smudged hieroglyphics on an ancient Egyptian tomb. England's selectors, how-ever, clearly top the bloopers' league. The most glaring sin in Synge's book is inconsis-tency. With the England selec tors every evening, it seems, is a night of the long pencils. We cannot even decide who Should lead the side. Between 1899 and 1909 Eng-land had six captains com-pared with Australia's two; in the decade 1020 to be parameter the decade 1930-39 the figures

The game represents the eter

were six-three; from 1960-70 eight-three; and from 1980-88, when Australia contented themselves with Greg Chap-pell, Kim Hughes and Allan Border, and West Indies made do with Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards, England had nine captains

ERHAPS the success Dful C B Fry had the best idea in 1912 when he said: "Foster, Shuter and I met in May, chose a definite team with def-inite substitutions, and never met again. This did not pro-vide much fodder for the scribes, Pharisees and drama

tists but it worked." At least Fry recognised his players, which was more than eter May could manage. Once, attempting to ensure he did not make yet another gaffe, he looked up Chris Broad's name in Playfair, the gricket-watcher's hip-flask. Broad's first name is actually Brian. "Good luck tomorrow Brian," chirped the

chairman. May comes near the bottom of the book's league table of selectors, below Walter Rob-bins, Alec Bedser and Bob Wyatt. "Wyatt Twerp" would have been the headline if the Omission traces the history of equivalent of the Sun newspaper had been around in those days. from Lord Hawke to Lord Ted. The most impressive re cords were those of Gubby Allen and Wilf Wooller, who both served from 1955-61, when England had an unusu-ally high number of outstanding players, proving it does have the collective intellect of not matter too much who does the job provided he has the materials to work with. My own choice would be Mr Mark English, Who? Mr English won £4.2 million in last week's lottery and clearly possesses all the skills for the

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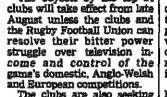
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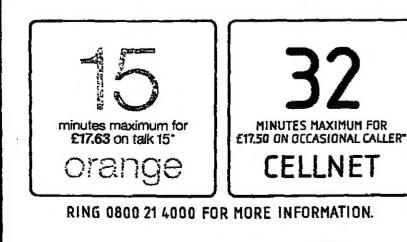
the removal of Cliff Brittle as head of the RFU negotiating team which has held a series of crimonious talks with their representatives in recent

door ajar for further negotiaplore the attempt by the chairman of the executive committee to go behind the tions. He said: "In order to implement the game's overbacks of the clubs' elected whelming vote for a sea open game, the RFU must maintain overall control in the representatives to the clubs themselves," it said. "He [Brittle] has also selec interests of all its members.

"In particular, the RFU holds the national representatively gone public on discus sions at private meetings tive sides as being para-Having done this ... in clear mount, but underpinned by the strongest club structure. violation of the gentiemen's agreement we had strictly ad-hered to, it is no wonder he Subject to the above stipula-tions, the other differences has now lost the confidence weeks. They want the RFU between the RFU and the top | and trust of the clubs."

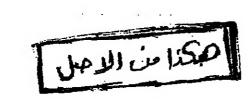
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selves, given their overall fi-We are told this by Allen Synge, whose book Sins of nancial situation."

This refers to a 234 million bank loan taken out to rebuild Twickenham which costs about £3 million a year to service

It is hard to see how Twick-enham can accede to the clubs' demand to negotiate their own TV contracts and Edgar Allan Poe. The message is clear: bring together the finest cricket brains in England, from whatstill raise the money neces ever era you like, and you sary to pay off the loan and develop the game. Eproc said: "Even at this late hour we believe that a

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a mollusc. Cricket, of course, is a game specifically designed to get compromise must be reached wrong. Everyone knows that with the RFU - otherwise the ideal team consists of six there will be a split, for which the RFU will be held batsmen, four bowiers, a

wicketkeeper and an allrounder, making a total of 12.

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